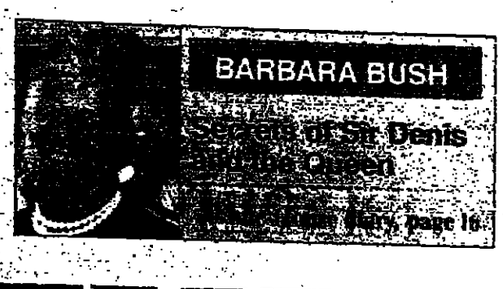
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TUC plan for looser ties attacked

Union leader fires warning shot at Blair

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A SENIOR union leader today fires a warning shot over Tony Blair's plans to distance Labour from the union movement.

As the Labour leader prepares to meet trade union bosses in Blackpool tonight at the TUC conference, John Edmonds, the general secretary of the GMB general union, delivers a strong attack on Labour politicians who want to weaken the party's links with its industrial wing.

Mr Blair is poised to tell union leaders that he supports a more arms-length relationship in which neither Labour nor the unions are dependent on each other. The Labour leader will enthusiastically back the ideas put forward by John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, for a new role in which the union organisation would seek relations with other political parties and look for no special treatment from Labour.

Mr Edmonds says, however, in an article in *The Times* today that many Labour politicians still do not understand that the trade union connection can be used to advantage. In a withering criticism, he says Labour politicians should be introduced more to the views of ordinary trade unionists in the workplace. The information could be more accurate and the judgments better, and "keep Labour in touch with the collective commonsense of the British people".

Mr Edmonds's article demonstrates that the tensions over last year's battle over one member, one vote have still not died away.

His defence of the union link does not amount to a direct criticism of Mr Blair but it will be seen as a warning to the Labour leader not to go too far. Mr Edmonds seizes on a passage in the speech to the TUC yesterday from David Blunkett, the Labour party chairman, calling for a strong connection between the two wings of the movement, and says it is unlikely to be very popular with some of the "modernisers" in the shadow Cabinet. Mr Blair was elected leader as the foremost moderniser in the Labour leadership.

Mr Edmonds was defeated at last year's Labour conference as John Smith, then party leader, ended the formal role of the unions in the selection of Labour's parliamentary candidates.

That debate, Mr Edmonds says in today's article, showed that ordinary party members did not share the passion of some Labour politicians for a divorce with the unions. Most had wanted "to stop the pain, heal the wound and get on to other business," he says.

Mr Blair will not go to the conference in Blackpool but will attend a dinner hosted by the TUC General Council at the Pembroke Hotel, and have breakfast with union leaders tomorrow before returning to London.

The Labour leader will make plain that he is firmly behind the stance set out by Mr Monks in his interview with *The Times* last week. The TUC leader said the unions would not seek any formal links with a Labour government led by Mr Blair, and that he would seek no special privilege or access to him. He was looking for fair treatment, not just from Labour but from other political parties.

Sources close to the Labour leader said yesterday that he, like Mr Monks, believed it was unhealthy for Labour and the TUC to be seen as mutually reliant on each other or, in the words of detractors, "in each other's pockets".

Mr Blair was not seeking to sever union ties, or even to distance Labour from the union movement, they insisted. He agreed with Mr Monks, however, that under a Labour government the unions would have access on the same basis as other representative bodies, including employers. Mr Blair was said to be relaxed about the TUC's wish to develop relations with parties across the political spectrum.

The Labour leader has no plans to make further constitutional changes affecting the role of the unions in the near future. He is, however, making plain his determination to improve the running of party headquarters and its campaigning machinery.

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Jimmy Knapp

Knapp blast at Horton

Jimmy Knapp, the signalmen's leader, today accuses the Railtrack chairman, Robert Horton, of ignoring the central issue of the strike. In a letter to *The Times* he says Mr Horton has confused the situation by suggesting that the union is in dispute over restructuring, and says the strike is over efficiency rewards only. Page 21



ROBIN MAYES

Sean Walter and Jim Whalen putting a *Three Graces* on display at the Fulham garden centre yesterday

£64 Garden Graces sell faster than gnomes

BY ALAN HAMILTON

FORGET the £7.6 million said to be needed to keep Canova's sensuous sculpture, *The Three Graces*, in Britain and out of the hands of the Getty Museum in California. Nip down your local garden centre, and you can have one for £64.50.

All right, so this one has a birdbath on top. And OK, so it's not actually Carrara marble, more cast concrete. But from the far end of the lawn, glimpsed through the shrubbery, is anyone really going to quibble at the fact that these three amply padded cavorting caryatids are balancing a blackbirds' bidet on their heads?

Encouraged by the publicity surrounding the fate of the original, sales of replicas good, bad and plain distasteful are flourishing. At the Abbey Garden Centre in Titchfield, Hampshire, Denise Johns, manageress, has just ordered five 2½ ft replicas of the Canova in reconstituted marble to retail at £189. At the Fulham Palace Garden Centre in London yesterday, two Graces copies were on display, finished in either fake bronze or marble and selling at £117 and £288 respectively.



Birdbath version at Cheltenham

"We have quite a range of goddesses and torsos, but the Graces would look particularly pretty in the right setting," Freda Taylor, manageress, said. At Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, the firm of Rokes Stoneware said it had been turning out 1,000 *Three Graces* birdbaths a year for the past ten years.

☐ The Getty Museum in California will next week launch a High Court challenge against the Government's decision to delay the grant of an export licence for *The Three Graces*. Yesterday the J Paul Getty Trust won an undertaking from Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, that he would not decide to refuse to grant an export licence pending the museum's challenge.

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Baby hoax admitted

Adrian Brooks, who made hoax calls claiming his wife had abducted baby Abbie Humphries, regretted dashing her parents' hopes, Nottingham magistrates were told. He admitted wasting police time. Page 3

Six new lives

Six people have been given a new lease of life by a boy aged nine who died months after deciding to carry an organ donor card. Page 5

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French drop bid for Swan Hunter

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

THE FRENCH company Sofia/CMN yesterday abandoned its attempt to buy Swan Hunter, the struggling Tyneside shipyard.

A deal that could have saved the yard began to falter over the last two weeks as a dispute arose over an agreed price, and yesterday a joint statement was issued that no agreement could be reached. Sofia/CMN had announced their intention to withdraw.

Fred Henderson, chairman of CMN's support services in the UK, said: "We have sought to find a going-concern basis for the purchase despite the loss of the *Sir Bedevere* contract. The complete absence of work after the completion of *HMS Richmond* results in such risks and liabilities that we cannot economically purchase the business at the price the receivers require."

Gordon Horsefield, one of the joint receivers, said in the statement: "The gap was too large to bridge, and no purpose could be served by continuing talks. Obviously, our next task is to discuss the implications with the remaining workforce. We shall be seeking urgent meetings."

There was one glimmer of hope for Swan Hunter workers as Sofia/CMN put forward proposals for the Hebburn dry dock on the South bank of the Tyne, together with the intellectual property rights of Swan Hunter. If this offer was successful CMN may enable it to place a short-term design contract with Swan Hunter and postpone the 100 redundancies among the design team set to take effect on Friday.

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Man held over poison tonic water

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A MAN has been arrested and charged in connection with the contamination of tonic water bought from a Safeway supermarket store, police said yesterday. He is expected to appear in Edinburgh's Sheriff court this morning.

Police refused to reveal details of the charges. They said earlier that they were still trying to trace seven of the 21 two litre bottles of Safeway's own brand tonic and diet tonic bought in the Hunter's Tryst store in Edinburgh on August 24 and 25.

Police received more than 160 calls from the public and Safeway withdrew from its stores around the country 50,000 bottles bearing the same batch number.

They have appealed to people who bought the water to come forward. A police spokesman said: "The tonic may have been consumed by now but nevertheless it is important the customers contact the police."

Major wants trip by Adams halted

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WATT

JOHN Major is to urge President Clinton to refuse a visa for Gerry Adams to visit the United States until Britain is satisfied that the IRA has renounced violence for good.

This emerged yesterday as Sinn Fein officials disclosed that the Sinn Fein president and colleagues such as Martin McGuinness are hoping to visit America before the end of the year. In letting it be known that he is unhappy about Mr Adams being granted a visa, the Prime Minister is risking a rift with Washington, which allowed Mr Adams entry in February and handed him a huge propaganda coup.

Ministers clearly hope the Sinn Fein and the IRA will soon take the extra step necessary to convince them that the campaign of violence is over.

But Albert Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister, thinks that their promise of a "complete cessation" of operations last week met the demands of the Downing Street Declaration. If President Clinton shares that view, he may need persuading that refusing Mr Adams a visa is the right course of action.

A meeting of ministers is to be held at Downing Street this week to review the developments since the ceasefire was declared, and to decide whether Sinn Fein has done enough for the countdown towards its involvement in preliminary peace talks with the Government to start.

Yesterday, Downing Street said that the US government

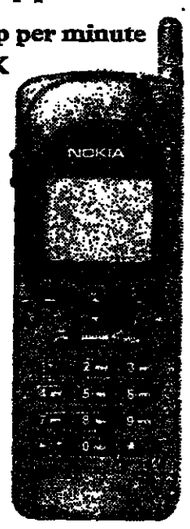
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Booker finalist rejected by 14 publishers

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A NOVELIST whose book was turned down by 14 British publishers got the ultimate revenge yesterday when it was shortlisted for this year's £20,000 Booker Prize.

Jill Paton Walsh expressed disbelief last night. It was recognition that she never dreamed of for *Knowledge of Angels* — a thriller about religious intolerance. She recalled how, having exhausted the list of possible British publishers, she sent a typescript to a friend in America. That friend happened to be dining with Peter Davison, a publisher and poet with Houghton Misslin, one of the leading American publishers. A week later, he made her an offer no author would turn down.

She said that until then her agent protected her from seeing the rejection letters. They would have been all the more painful after a period of writing that was so intense, she said, "it burned me up — I was possessed".

Hearing that she had suffered so many rejections, Auberon Waugh, editor of *The Literary Review*, said: "I always hope someone like that wins." Julia Neuberger, the writer and broadcaster and one of the adjudicators, noted: "That is not a good reflection on the publishers in this country."

Mrs Walsh suggested that British publishers were nervous of a book that is not an easy contemporary read. Bruce Hunter, her agent, put it more strongly: "It's a wonderful novel, but it doesn't fit into a category. Publishers are all sheep." He said he has spoken to some of those publishers since the reviews came out: most blamed it on someone else in their organisation. Mrs Walsh's book was one of a record

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Treasury picks on housing benefit as prime source of savings


Aitken: wants smaller homes for claimants

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

JONATHAN Aitken, the new right-wing Treasury Chief Secretary, yesterday singled out the £9 billion-a-year housing benefit bill as a prime target for cuts as the annual public spending round comes to a climax this autumn.

He suggested that claimants might be forced to move to smaller houses and that private landlords could be required to reduce rents.

Mr Aitken, who singled out his hawkish predecessor Michael Portillo for praise, said that people must not be allowed to become "too comfortable with benefits" and stressed the dangers of creating a society dependent on state handouts.

The £80 billion-a-year social security budget, growing at 3 per cent a year, after allowing for inflation, had to be tackled. Within it, housing benefit, the cost of which has doubled in the last 10 years and which is projected to reach £12 billion by the end of the decade, had to be curbed.

Mr Aitken's remarks on BBC radio, his first interview since being promoted to the Cabinet in July, angered Labour. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said that the blame for rising bills lay with the failure of government economic policies.

"For Jonathan Aitken to describe the standards of millions forced onto benefits as too comfortable when ex-Tory ministers are making millions of pounds is to add insult to the injury of Conservative policies.

"Housing benefit costs have risen because of the high levels of unemployment, insecurity and poverty. The Government should attack poverty and unemployment rather than the poor and unemployed."

But Mr Aitken said that benefits for all could be the enemy of care for the few. Better targeting of benefits was a priority. He said: "There are areas such as the exponential growth in housing benefit where you have to look very carefully to make sure the taxpayers' money isn't being wasted.

"If you look closely at housing benefit, you find that quite a lot of people on housing benefit are living in houses which are too big for them, there are spare rooms, and there is a question of whether landlords are pushing up rents, in the private sector particularly, just to meet the level of housing benefit and not to meet the level of real market price. The sheer total and the sheer growth of the social security budget means that must be carefully looked at to make sure that those in need are getting the help they want and at the same time the taxpayer is not overpaying on a mass basis."

Mr Aitken conceded that public spending — taking 44p of every pound of national income — was back at roughly the same levels as under the 1970s Labour Government after the battering the public purse had taken during the recession.

Now the economy was recovering it was time "to get back on track" and drive that figure down. The £15-billion-a-year running costs of Whitehall departments would also come under his "eagle eye", Mr Aitken added.

The Treasury Chief Secretary praised Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, for his "war on fraud", which had saved £600 million last year.

Mr Lilley, another Thatcherite, has commissioned a York University study of six overseas welfare systems in the hope of finding a formula for curbing housing benefit, which is paid to 4.5 million people, including 1.4 million private tenants.

Reynolds to meet Sinn Fein leader in Dublin this week

By Richard Ford

ALBERT Reynolds will meet Gerry Adams in Dublin before the end of the week, ending a boycott that has lasted for a quarter of a century.

The historic meeting between the Irish Prime Minister and the Sinn Fein president is a signal to the IRA's political wing and its supporters that it is being allowed in from the cold.

Prime ministers of the Republic have avoided formal meetings with Sinn Fein leaders since the Troubles erupted, but the planned discussions indicate that Mr Reynolds is convinced that Mr Adams is sincere in his wish to take part in talks with other constitutional parties.

Last night, representatives from Mr Reynolds's office were contacting Sinn Fein officials in Belfast to set a date and time for the meeting. It is expected to be on Thursday or Friday. Tomorrow Mr Reynolds is meeting Al Gore, the United States Vice-President, when his plane lands at Shannon airport.

The disclosure that Mr Reynolds is to see Mr Adams so soon after the announcement of the IRA ceasefire, and in spite of continued British Government caution over its permanence, came as the prime minister met a delegation from the Social Democratic and Labour party.

Mr Reynolds said: "London has been very cautious. They didn't believe that the IRA would make such a decision. They are a bit cautious and they want to see it in action on the ground. What they have seen already in the first few days is a test of the IRA decision."

Since the ceasfire a Roman Catholic had been killed and a bomb detonated outside Sinn Fein offices in West Belfast. "Those clearly are actions to undermine the peace process. I am confident there will not be any retaliation. It is actions like those and no retaliatory action that will help to convince John Major and the British Government that it is for real, that it is for good."

Mr Reynolds added: "I think he is not quibbling about words here. He is just being absolutely cautious and so are the Unionist people because they have been suffering for 25 years. Just to shut it off overnight, they think that there may well be some reason for it. They don't understand it, they need a little time and space to work it out for themselves". He said it was important the decision had been taken and violence had been ended by the IRA for good. "It is up to the rest of us to underpin that and support it and move it on."

The British Government's reservations about the ceasefire were high on the agenda last night when Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, had dinner with Dick Spring, the Irish Deputy Prime Minister, at Hillsborough Castle in County Down.

During an hour of talks with the SDLP, Mr Reynolds heard their assessment of the mood in Northern Ireland. He admitted: "It is going to take a lot of management. We have to try and continue to build confidence."

The meeting was the first since the ceasefire and the two sides discussed the creation of a Forum for Peace and Reconciliation to which Sinn Fein has been invited. The aim of the forum, which has no formal constitutional role in the peace process, is intended to introduce Sinn Fein's national leaders into discussions with constitutional parties from North and South.

The hope is that these talks will break down distrust between the parties and show Sinn Fein leaders and their supporters that they are being taken seriously as constitutional politicians.

Although the two Unionist parties, the Ulster Unionists and Democratic Unionists, are not expected to attend the forum, nationalist leaders continue to hope they might do so. Mr Reynolds said: "They need time and space to work it out in their own minds as to how they want to respond."

Mr Reynolds insisted yesterday: "The forum is open to all constitutional parties on the island."

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Major wants Clinton to reject Adams' visa

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has not been in touch with London over a possible visit by Mr Adams. But Mr Major's view was reported to be that this was not the moment to "snatch at things", just a few days after the ceasefire was announced. Mr Major's position remains that he wants a "copper-bottomed guarantee" of the IRA's commitment to giving up violence permanently before it was possible to move forward.

Mr Major's view will be passed to the American Administration by Sir Robin Renwick, Britain's Ambassador in Washington.

Jim Gibney, a member of Sinn Fein's ruling executive, said yesterday the visit was "something we are examining at the moment, but there are no immediate plans to go".He added: "North America is an extremely important arena for us. It's where we can mobilise Irish-American support, and we hope the North American Administration will deal with the visa applications in the same way as they deal with applications for other political parties." Joe Cahill, a leading Sinn Fein member, is already in the US outlining the party's strategy since the ceasefire.

Mr Adams travelled to New York last February after the Clinton Administration agreed to grant him a 48-hour visa in spite of British objections.

Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, was last night due to press Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, to accept the terms of the IRA ceasefire. At a meeting at Hillsborough Castle, Mr Spring was expected to tell Sir Patrick that the truce met the British and Irish governments' terms.


Laith-Adam Al-Nasseri, 2, who was kidnapped two months ago and taken to Iraq by his father, Haitham Khalid Al-Nasseri, is reunited with his mother Michelle in London. Mr Al-Nasseri was arrested at Heathrow airport on Friday

Nine years is not enough, child molester tells judge

By Richard Duce

A SELF-confessed child molester criticised a judge yesterday for sentencing him to nine years in prison, saying that it was not long enough.

Mark Holmes, the kidnapper and abuser of a ten-year-old girl, told Mr Justice Pill: "What sort of sentence is that? I have ruined a girl's life and you give me nine years."

Plymouth Crown Court was told that Holmes thought he should have been jailed for life after his attack on the girl whom he abducted from a vicarage in Devon.

The girl's mother shouted at the judge as sentence was passed: "You need your head testing. What justice is that?"

The mother had said in a letter read to the court that her daughter had become suicidal since the attack.

"She no longer cares about herself and on one occasion was about to walk in front of a car but I pulled her back." On a second occasion the girl was caught hanging from a window and when told she could have been killed she replied: "I don't care, I want to die."

Holmes, 23, of Plymouth, was jailed for nine years for attempting to rape the girl, six years for indecent assault and five years for kidnap. He admitted the charges and the sentences will run concurrently.

After his arrest Holmes tried to commit suicide and wrote a letter to the girl which said: "I am devastated by my behaviour. I hope you overcome what has happened. I am a beast, an animal."

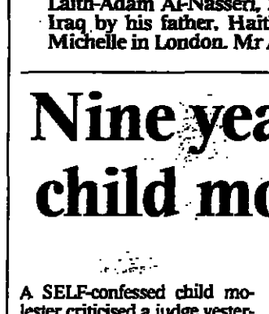
Andrew Maitland, for the prosecution, said the victim and her younger sister were staying with the vicar and his wife while their mother, friends of the couple, visited their father in London.

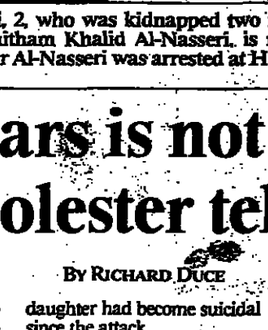
Holmes, unemployed, who had his meals at the vicarage, stole the key to the back door after seeing the girl. In the early hours of the morning he let himself into the vicarage, woke the child, and told her he was collecting her on the vicar's instructions because there had been a burglary.

Holmes carried the child to his caravan where pornographic material and letters he had written to women in a national newspaper's lonely hearts column were later found, Mr Maitland said.

Holmes bound the child's arms behind her back and gagged her. He tried to rape her and performed serious sexual assaults before returning the girl to her bedroom. The next morning she told the vicar about her 15-minute ordeal, said Mr Maitland.

The judge told Holmes: "You took advantage of a girl of tender years and inflicted indignities upon her. They have had a serious effect on her."


Holmes: he took the girl from vicarage


Judge Pill: child's mother protested

Call for Whitehall watchdog

By Michael Dynes, Whitehall Correspondent

SENIOR civil servants should be made accountable for their errors to a Whitehall Professional Council, it was suggested yesterday.

The new organisation should supervise senior appointments, monitor performance and enforce clearly defined standards of ethics, Graham Mather, president of the European Policy Forum, a cross-party think-tank, said.

Mr Mather criticised the Government for failing to address the "grave weaknesses in the arrangements for defining policy, making law and establishing proper accountability between ministers and civil servants".

Delivering the annual Frank Stacey Memorial Lecture at York University, he said: "The row over Michael Portillo's interpretation of European law shows that our system of law-making is not functioning properly. It comes after a chain of legislative disasters including the Financial Services Act, Insolvency Act, Dangerous Dogs Act, Child Support Act and Criminal Justice Act.

"It is increasingly clear that the policy behind new laws is not thought through, they are badly drafted, and it is unclear where responsibility lies between ministers and civil servants."

Mr Mather added: "It is revealing that only two senior public servants have clearly accepted responsibility for problems in their agencies: John Wilby of London Ambulance and Ros Hepplewhite of the Child Support Agency. No Whitehall mandarins have accepted responsibility for policy disasters.

"It is essential that there should be some attempt to tackle the systematic malfunction of Britain's law-making and the shocking lack of definition of who is responsible for what in the implementation of policy."

He said the Government should declare that it recognises that lines of responsibility between ministers and officials were not properly defined, and produce a statutory Civil Service code of conduct to correct this.

Liberals to debate abolition of Crown

Liberal Democrats are to debate the abolition of the monarchy at their party conference later this month. The debate, on a motion tabled by the youth wing, yesterday dominated a press conference called to launch the agenda for the conference in Brighton. With the Liberals also planning to debate the decriminalisation of the use of cannabis, there were claims that the conference could risk embarrassment to Paddy Ashdown as he strives to combat the more moderate image of Labour under Tony Blair.

Charles Kennedy, president of the Liberal Democrats, said: "I am not in favour of abolishing the monarchy but I am all in favour of the party being seen to debate the monarchy because that is a fair reflection of many discussions that are going on in newspaper columns and the pubs and clubs of the land." A Labour spokesman said: "Liberal policies are becoming increasingly bizarre as they appear to go further and further into the political wilderness."

Three deny explosions

Three men appeared at the Old Bailey yesterday accused of conspiracy to cause explosions over seven months last year. Derek Doherty, 23, and Gerard Mackin, 33, of no fixed address, and Thomas McAuley, 37, of Tottenham, north London, denied unlawfully and maliciously conspiring together or with person or persons unknown to cause explosions in a manner likely to endanger life or cause serious damage to property. The trial was adjourned.

5 held in £11m drug haul

Five people from Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, were arrested yesterday after three tonnes of cannabis resin worth up to £11 million was seized from the 42ft schooner *The Melonie* on the river Helford near Durgan, Cornwall. Customs officers were supported by police from Devon and Cornwall force and the No 2 regional crime squad in Cleveland. They had tracked the vessel on its journey from North Africa. The three men and two women were being interviewed by Customs officers in Cornwall yesterday.

Pilot bans disabled

A group of 27 disabled British holidaymakers were stranded in Spain for more than 36 hours after an airline pilot refused to take off with them. The group and their tea helpers from the Grocott Centre in Fenton, Staffordshire, were due to return to Manchester on Saturday night after a holiday in Majorca. However, the pilot said that airline regulations allowed no more than 10 per cent of passengers on board the plane to be disabled. A group of 12 were left behind, including eight disabled people.

Docklands TV victory

Residents of London's Docklands who live near Canary Wharf yesterday won the first step in their legal battle for damages over the loss of television pictures, which they claim were blocked by the 790ft tower for two years. The High Court ruled that individuals were entitled to have their rights to interference-free viewing protected by the courts.

Christian wins claim

A fork-lift truck driver sacked for putting evangelical tracts into overseas orders has won an unfair dismissal claim. But a Glasgow tribunal ruled that Patrick Dunion, 32, of Irvine, was 75 per cent to blame for his sacking by Commercial Warehousing after a customer complained when he received religious leaflets with his computer components.

Struck boy still critical

Simon Teece, the eight-year-old boy from Wakefield, West Yorkshire, who suffered severe head injuries when he was hit by a scaffolding pole thrown from a multi-storey car park at the weekend, was still in a critical condition in hospital yesterday. He underwent brain surgery yesterday at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield.

Courts survey launched

More than 3,000 people who use the courts, from witnesses to jurors, plaintiffs to lawyers, will be questioned in a survey on consumer satisfaction. The survey is being carried out for the Lord Chancellor's Department, which wants to find out what standards of service people expect. The aim is also find out if the courts are complying with the Courts Charter.

Ancient Rover returns

Cavers have found the bones of a dog believed to be 300,000 years old. The skeleton was discovered when members of the Forest of Dean Caving Club broke through into a previously blocked ice-age cave at Joyford, Gloucestershire. They even found a trail of footprints made by the dog when it went into the cave to die.

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Major risks clash over 'two-speed' Europe

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

THE Prime Minister will risk a fresh clash tomorrow with his most powerful Continental partners by rejecting plans for a two-speed Europe.

The proposals, put forward by Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister, and Chancellor Kohl's ruling Christian Democrats, envisage a "hard core" of states committed to tighter integration and an outer circle of laggards such as Britain and Italy. But John Major, who views the Franco-German plan as a threat to his vision of Britain at the heart of Europe, will use a keynote speech in The Netherlands tomorrow to make clear he has no intention of formalising arrangements that would relegate Britain to the second division.

Mr Major has called for a multi-speed, multi-layered approach to Europe, which he believes increasingly necessary as the EU expands first to 16 states next year and later to 20 or more as countries from central and Eastern Europe are admitted. He wants a flexible Community, in which all member states subscribe to a common core of policies, such as the single market, but are also free to work together with groups of like-minded partners on matters of common interest.

Mr Major will set out his vision of the future of Europe and the way it should approach Maastricht II — the intergovernmental conference that will decide the next stage of constitutional change — at the University of Leiden near The Hague. Downing Street officials yesterday ruled out any suggestion of "first- and second-class citizens of the EU" and insisted such an idea would be rejected by the majority of member states.

Under the Franco-German proposals, Britain, Italy and Spain would be sidelined as France, Germany and the Benelux countries forged ahead to create a more fully integrated Community embracing economic, monetary and military union. Such a "hard core" could eventually become the first United States of Europe, leaving Britain and others to decide early in the next century whether to apply for membership.

Lord Howe, the former Foreign Secretary whose European thinking is close to the Prime Minister's, yesterday scorned the new proposals, which are likely to surface in 1996.

He said on BBC radio that Mr Major's support for a Britain at the heart of Europe meant that the Government could not accept "the division of European member states into two classes of membership".

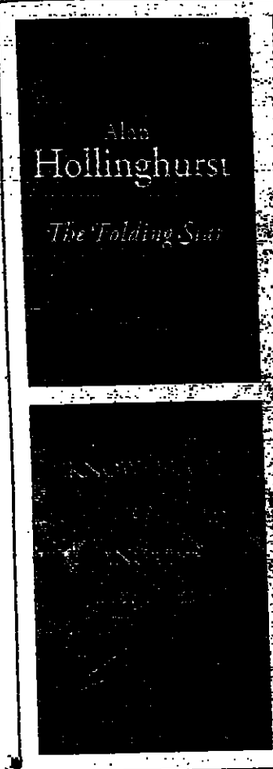
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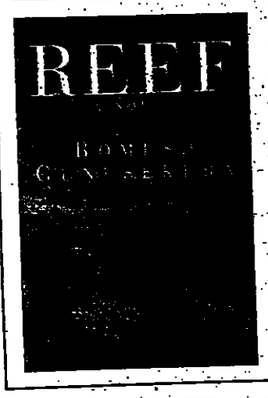
Sex attacker was rapist on parole

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☐ **Alan Hollinghurst: The Folding Star (Chatto and Windus). Born 1954, first novel, The Swimming-Pool Library, published in 1988. One of Granta's Twenty Best of Young British Novelists in 1993. Protagonist Edward Manners, in search of new life, arrives at ancient Flemish city to teach English; falls in love with a pupil. Comedy and tragedy clashes carried by "prose which mixes the collected and the aesthetic to produce a language at once evocative and austere." The Times reviewer said: "..."**

☐ Jacqueline Wilson, born in 1937, has established herself as an author of children's books for which she has won a Whitbread Prize and the Smarties Award. In 1996 she set Cat Deep Boy, a small enterprise to publish work unattractive to commercial publishers. Knowledge of Angels (Houghton Mifflin/Green Bay/Colt Books), a medieval thriller set on an imaginary island, was described by the Boston Globe as an "inconsistent novel ... a mesmerising story populated by provocative characters thrivid at ... mosphetic landscapes".

☐ **Romesh Gunesekera grew up in Sri Lanka and the Philippines, and now lives in London. Reef, his novel (Granta), is a love story set in a spoiled paradise. Triton, aged 11, works as a houseboy to Hister Salgado, a marine biologist. This is a story of a boy becoming a man in a world stumbling towards the brink of chaos. He learns to mix a love cake with tan eggs and polish silver until it shines like molten sun — becoming a man in a world stumbling towards the brink of chaos. The Times wrote: "This is a book which touches powerfully and deeply." Gunesekera, is the author of the short story collection, Monkfish Moon.**



ALAN WELLER

Professor Bayley, chairman of the Booker judges, studying one of the shortlisted books in London yesterday

Rebuffed writer wreaks revenge

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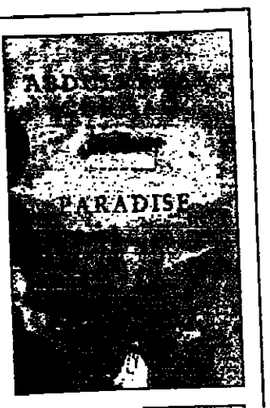
130 novels through which the judges waded this summer. They whittled them down to a shortlist of six. Apart from Mrs Walsh, the novels include Romesh Gunesekera's *Reef*; Abdulrazak Gurnah's *Paradise*; Alan Hollinghurst's *The Folding Star*; James Kelman's *How Late It Was, How Late*; and George Mackay Brown's *Beside The Ocean of Time*. Most of the authors are relatively unknown to the wider public. Even within literary circles, few of those approached for a comment on the shortlist had read more than two or three of them.

Professor John Bayley, chairman of the judges, said: "We were looking for books which were works of artistry in their own right; and were delighted to find there was a number of them. There was a great deal of passionate debate about some of the titles and a number of excellent novels had to be left off the shortlist."

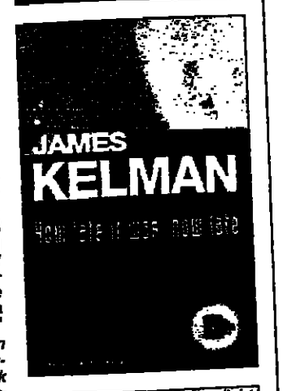
Rabbi Neuberger said: "We have gone for people who aren't the absolute obvious." She described the judging as "bloody hard work: your critical sensibilities get dulled if you are reading too fast".

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☐ Abdulrazak Gurnah was born in 1948 in Tanzania. He is the author of three highly acclaimed novels, including Memory of Departure. He teaches literature at the University of Kent. In 1989, A Disaffection was shortlisted for the Booker Prize and won the James Tait Black Memorial Prize. Paradise (Hamish Hamilton) is the story of an African boy's coming of age. The Times wrote: "There is much to admire in this peculiar hybrid, as well as much to enjoy; and its structural inconsistencies ultimately make for a thought-provoking, if disconcerting, novel."



☐ **James Kelman was born in 1946 in Glasgow. His books include Not Not While the Giro and Greyhound for Breakfast, winner of the 1987 Cheltenham Prize. In 1989, his novel, A Disaffection was shortlisted for the Booker Prize and won the James Tait Black Memorial Prize. How Late It Was, How Late (Secker & Warburg) is a novel of dark humour. An ex-convict becomes blind after being jailed and questioned by the police following a drinking session. tiously. The Times wrote: "This is Kafka on the Clyde."**



☐ George Mackay Brown, born in 1921 in the Orkney Islands, published his first book in 1954. He has also published plays, short stones and poems set to music by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies. Beside The Ocean of Time (John Murray) is his sixth novel. It is set on the fictitious island of Norday in the Orkneys. Young Thorfinn Ragnarson relives the island's history in his daydreams, waking into the 20th century and a community that has remained unchanged for centuries, eventually finding something he did not know he was looking for. The Times' review called it "beautifully crafted ... through the dizzying contrasts of this book, the lyric cadence beckons us on".



Abbie hoax caller was depressed over split from family

BY EMMA WILKINS

A MAN who claimed that his wife had abducted the baby Abbie Humphries was told yesterday that he faced a jail sentence after he pleaded guilty to wasting police time.

Adrian Brooks, 36, made a series of hoax telephone calls that raised and then dashed the hopes of the missing baby's parents and set the police inquiry back three days, Nottingham magistrates were told.

The calls, from a man who called himself Gary, prompted police to interrupt local television programmes to broadcast a direct appeal to him and his wife to return the baby. Brooks, who was remanded on bail until October 6 for pre-sentence reports, including psychiatric assessment, was told that only a short custodial sentence would be appropriate because of the serious nature of the offence.

The original charge of causing grievous bodily harm to Karen and Roger Humphries, Abbie's parents, was dropped after lawyers re-examined evidence. They were reunited with their daughter 15 days after she was taken from Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, when she was only four hours old.

Russell King, for the prosecution, told the court that the "massive police investigation" into Abbie's abduction in July was "hampered considerably by the actions of this defendant".

Brooks, unemployed, of Matson, Gloucester, made several calls to a television programme presented by the former police chief John Stalker on July 6, five days after the abduction. He claimed that his wife had lost a baby 12 months earlier and was desperate for another, and Mr Stalker regarded the calls as "sincere and convincing".

In fact, Brooks's wife had left him, taking away their three children. After his arrest he told police: "It's hard to explain why I did it. It's because of my matrimonial circumstances. I have been very depressed and on medication. I was very low. I just wanted someone to talk to. Everything was a bit of a blur."

Mr King said Brooks, whose estranged wife is a nurse, realised the distress he had caused to the baby's parents. "In a way it was a cry for help. He said he didn't want to hurt Karen and Roger Humphries and was sorry for the distress caused."

Bernadette Dwyer, for the defence, said: "He has since been at a bail hostel where he has sought assistance from a psychiatrist."

Julie Kelley, 23, of Wollaton, Nottingham, has been committed for trial accused of abducting Abbie.



Karen and Roger Humphries with daughter Abbie

Sex attacker was rapist on parole

A SEX attacker who dragged a woman down a dark alley before indecently assaulting her was a convicted rapist who had been released six months earlier from a ten-year prison sentence.

Peter Murray, 31, of Brighton, was released on licence three and a half years early after being convicted at the Old Bailey for rape, robbery and indecent assault. At Snaresbrook Crown Court yesterday he was jailed for five years for the brutal attack.

The court was told that Murray, who has been convicted of a string of sex offences, was caught only because his victim, a 24-year-old musician on her way home from a party in Highbury, north London, fought back "like a wildcat" leaving him with bleeding wounds all over his face. Murray ran away but was arrested soon afterwards because of the scratches.

Judge Aglionby said: "This was an appalling attack."

Two jailed for fire attack on protesters

BY A STAFF REPORTER

TWO members of a gang who were paid up to £100 each to set fire to a tree house occupied by protesters against a proposed motorway link were jailed by the Old Bailey yesterday.

Martin Courtney and John Roe were among nine people who mounted the late-night attack to remove opponents of the M11 extension from a chestnut tree on a green in Wanstead, northeast London.

Judge Kenneth Richardson said it was to be regretted that those who hired the gang were not before the court. The hearing had earlier been told that the organisers had not been identified.

The judge said both men must go to prison because they were part of gang "hired to scare away persons involved in lawful protest and scare them away with methods involving violence".

Courtney, 38, an unemployed builder of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, with "an appalling criminal record", was sentenced to three and a half years in prison after admitting affray and arson.

Roe, 44, of Southend, was jailed for two and a half years. He had admitted affray and dangerous driving and was found guilty of arson.

The pair were among people recruited at the Winchester Club in Southend, who in December last year doused the tree, tree house and adjoining tent with petrol and set them alight. Protesters were threatened with crowbars and hammers in what was described as a "terrifying" attack.

The court was told that Courtney shouted a warning to the protesters in the tree house and climbed a ladder to help them to escape once he saw the extent of the blaze. The judge said that had been a powerful mitigating factor.

After the trial, a spokesman for the M11 protesters vowed to persist in trying to discover who had hired the gang.



Without question, her career has been triumphantly consistent over the years. Yet Dame Kiri Te Kanawa readily admits that one thing has changed: her attitude to time.

"It is so beautifully expressed in Der Rosenkavalier," she says, translating the part of The Marschallin from memory; "I go through the house in the middle of the night, and I hear the ticking of the clocks. I cannot stop them; I cannot turn them back. It is like the snow falling."

Dame Kiri may well feel, as she says, that time has speeded up year by year until January to January now flies.

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Yet Dame Kiri remains her usual straightforward and uncompromising self.

"To arrive early is unfortunate, but to be late is the rudest thing imaginable," she insists.

Then, relenting, she smiles and she adds that sometimes she does not know "whether I organise time, or whether time organises me."

One thing, however, remains clear. As a family woman, she finds time is most precious to her – "when I'm leaving, when I have to say goodbye; that's the hardest part of all."

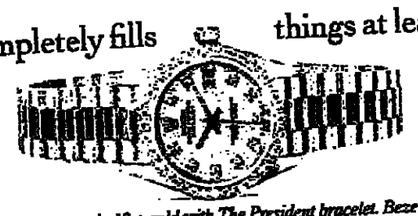
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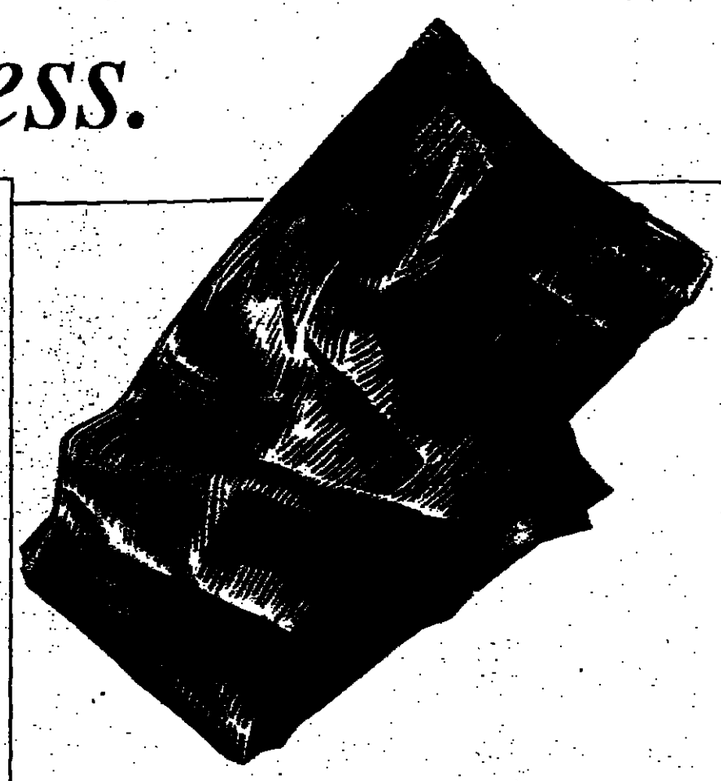
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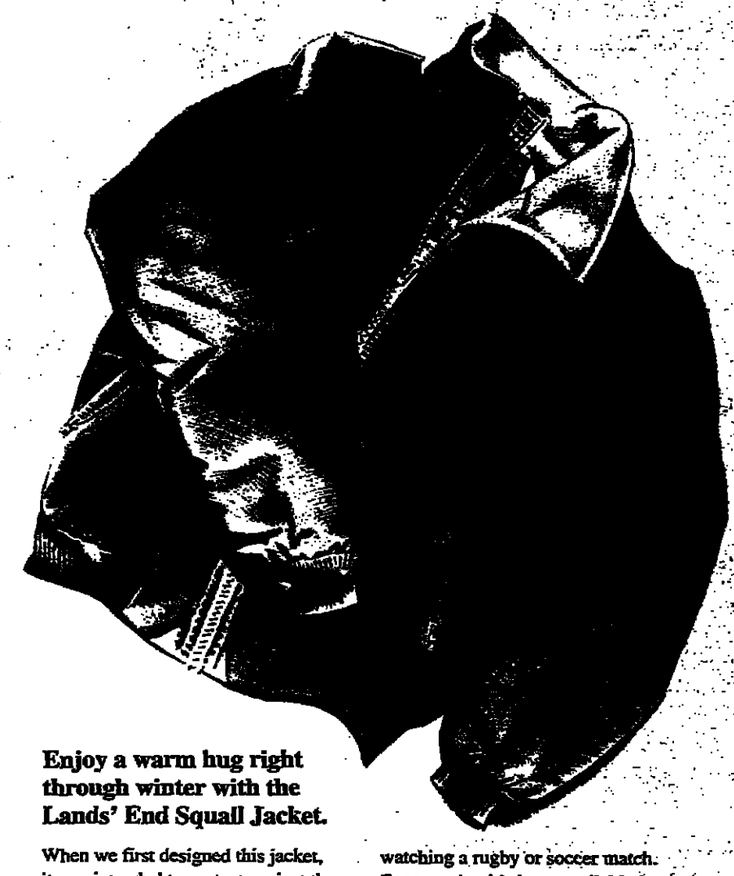
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Boy donor gives new life to six people

By Paul Wilkinson

A BOY aged nine who died only months after deciding to carry an organ donor card has give a new lease of life to six other people.

A boy in Belfast has one kidney, a child in Nottingham has the other and a woman in Birmingham has received his liver. Three other people are about to receive his heart valves and corneas.

Nicky Fox died in July without regaining consciousness hours after he was knocked from his bicycle close to his home in Leeds, West Yorkshire.

His father, Martin Fox, said yesterday that Nicky had started carrying a donor card after seeing them advertised in a doctor's surgery earlier this year.

"Nicky cared an awful lot for other people. He would always do anything to help someone else and he did not hesitate about getting a donor card," Mr Fox said.

Nicky had discussed it with his father and mother, Shelly Maughan. "We told him and his eight-year-old sister Sheree how if anything should happen to them they could probably save someone else.

"He was a lovely lad and this was something he firmly wanted to do. He died in the middle of the night and donating was mentioned to us and the transplant co-ordinator spoke to us.

"People have said it must have been a hard decision to make and in some ways it was.

"But what made it easier for us was that we knew it was what Nicky would have wanted. It was our final tribute to him," Mr Fox said.

Sheree Fox still misses her brother deeply. Her father said: "She accepts the fact that she is not going to see him again. We told her about the transplants and she was proud of him, like the rest of us."

Mr Fox hopes that one day he can meet the people who received Nicky's organs. "I dont know what I would say to them, except how glad I am that Nicky was able to help them.

"I would like to know that they are getting on well, no longer need treatment and will get along well in the future."

Mr Fox, a disc jockey, has begun organising charity discos to raise money for the paediatric intensive care unit in Leeds General Infirmary, where his son died.

"Nicky has done his bit and now it is our duty to do ours. We have lost a much-loved son but our loss is eased because we know Nicky has saved the lives or health of six other people," he said.



Martin Fox: "He cared a lot for people"



Nicky Fox: died after being knocked off his bicycle

American pit bulls sentenced to death

By A Staff Reporter

A COURT has passed a death sentence on 15 illegally bred American pit bull terriers, including nine puppies born in police custody.

The man who bred them and passed them off as Staffordshire bull terriers has been banned from keeping dogs for life and ordered to do 150 hours community service.

Eric Splein, a dog breeder of Wythenshawe, Manchester, must also pay the £150 costs of destroying the dogs and £500 towards the cost of keeping them pending his appearance at Trafford Magistrates Court, Sale, as well as £150 court costs.

He pleaded guilty to breeding and possessing dangerous dogs and three offences of obtaining services by deception from the British Kennel Club Association.

The court was told that the offences came to light when Splein, 46, took an advertisement in a specialist dog-fighting magazine, carrying his name, address and telephone number. He advertised the dogs at £200 each.

Corporal died in 'live fire' exercise

By A Staff Reporter

AN ARMY safety official was shot dead by a soldier while on a "live fire" military exercise, an inquest was told yesterday.

Corporal Neil Hughes, 29, was hit in the chest by the stray bullet. He was airlifted to hospital in a Royal Army Medical Corps helicopter but died later that day from his injuries.

It emerged at the inquest at Devizes, Wiltshire, that Cpl Hughes may have been killed because an electronics fault halted the appearance of a new target that would have drawn soldiers' fire.

Cpl Hughes, who was married, was serving with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment during a joint Army exercise named Panther's Prowl on Salisbury Plain last September.

Live fire directed at an empty bunker should have stopped as the Grenadier he was supervising went in to finish off the "enemy" with hand grenades.

Major Gregor Hewitt, the range safety officer, told the inquest that troops were firing at a target immediately above the bunker. They were supposed to switch their fire to another target when Cpl Hughes, from York, and the Grenadier moved in to attack.

Major Hewitt said: "I gave the order for the troops to switch their fire. But the electronic target failed to work properly. As far as I was aware all the troops had switched their fire to another target.

"At no time did I see bullets raining down on Corporal Hughes or the bunker the Grenadier was attacking. I didn't see him go down and it wasn't until someone shouted stop that I realised the extent of what had happened."

Major Hewitt added: "Subsequently we found out it was believed to have been an electrical fault in the target which caused it not to work."

The exercise was halted for medics to fly the corporal to Princess Alexandra's Hospital at Wroughton for emergency treatment.

The inquest was told that the Metropolitan Police forensic science laboratory had tried in vain to find out which gun had fired the bullet that hit Cpl Hughes.

The inquest continues today.

Woman, 85, battered 'beyond recognition'

By A Staff Reporter

AN womand aged 85 has been battered almost beyond recognition after disturbing a burglar in her home.

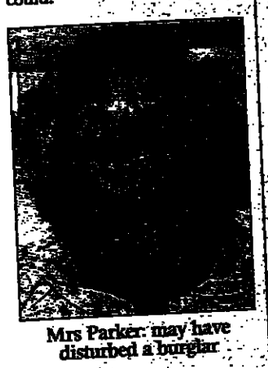
Gladys Parker, who rarely leaves her home in the quiet Somerset town of Chard, was discovered with her face so badly bruised, swollen and cut that her son David found it difficult to tell who she was.

Mrs Parker, a widow, was still in hospital in Taunton last night, in shock and unable to see out of one eye. When Mr Parker returned home from work on Friday night he found her semi-conscious on the floor with severe head injuries including a suspected broken bone in her face.

Avon and Somerset Police said she was beaten around the face and head before and after she fell down. Inspector Barry Douglas said: "We won't leave a stone unturned until we bring this animal to justice."

It is thought that Mrs Parker might have opened the door to a stranger, thinking he was her son.

Mrs Parker's daughter Elsie Barber, 52, of Bath, said that although not very mobile, her mother had lots of friends and went to church whenever she could.



Mrs Parker: may have disturbed a burglar

Abseiler hurt in 40ft fall

A teenager was seriously ill in hospital with head and chest injuries yesterday after plunging 40ft in an abseiling accident.

Matthew Smith, 18, and friends from the Leeds area were making rope descents at a quarry at Brownieside, Northumberland, where they were on holiday.

A police spokesman said Mr Smith was about to abseil when he fell. His condition at Newcastle General Hospital was "giving cause for concern".

Siege charges

A Bristol cook, 35, of no fixed abode, was remanded in custody by Cambridge magistrates accused of making threats to kill, criminal damage and a gun offence during a siege in Foxton last week.

Children die

Two children, aged 18 months and 5, were killed and their mother critically injured when their Range Rover hit a lorry head-on on the A303 near Thruxton, Hampshire.

PC attacked

PC Stephen Forsyth suffered a fractured skull and damage to an eye after being beaten with a metal object by a suspected car thief in Camberwell, southeast London.

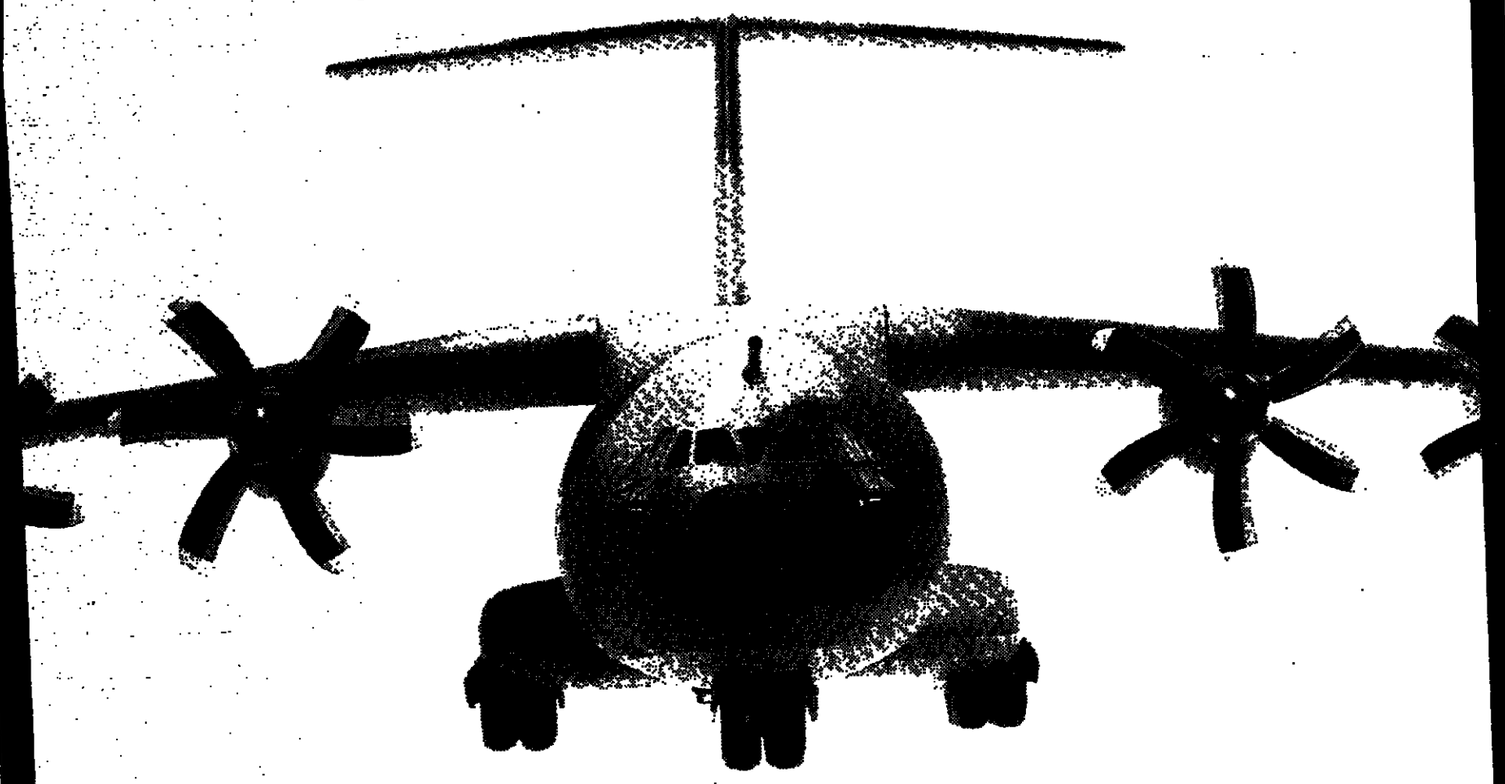
Girl in fall

A girl aged 4 suffered a suspected fractured skull when she plunged 20ft into a sewer in Derby. Police believe Sadie Longden could have been pushed by older children.

Clanger drops

Celebrations for the restored tower at the village church in Barbon, Cumbria, nearly ended in disaster when a bell fell, just missing two ringers.

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MARTIN KEENE

Visitors passing through the Picture Gallery in Buckingham Palace yesterday, when it was disclosed that attendances in the first four weeks were more than 200,000, up 40 per cent on last year. Gift shop sales are booming and officials hope to exceed the target profit of £2.5 million. The palace remains open until October 2

Shephard softens 11-test blow with league table delay

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

COMPULSORY national tests for 11-year-olds will go ahead next summer alongside a £29 million scheme for external markers designed to sidestep the teachers' boycott.

Gillian Shephard's announcement yesterday, coupled with the postponement of junior school league tables, signalled a desire to make peace with the profession. The league tables, based on the 11-year-olds' test results, will not now be introduced until 1996 at the earliest.

The Education Secretary, appealing to teachers' professionalism, announced that their assessments of pupils' progress, based on classroom work, would be published alongside test results in school prospectuses, and external auditing of the assessments would be abandoned to give teachers greater freedom.

The initiative received a mixed response last night. The NUT said it would survey members to ensure its continuing boycott retained support. Doug McAvoy, the general secretary, demanded a comprehensive review of the Government's tests programme.

The National Association of Schoolmaster and Union of Women Teachers, which led the boycott initially, applauded Mrs Shephard for accepting "virtually all" its demands.

The National Association of Head Teachers was hostile. David Hart, the general secretary, said: "The Government's continuing refusal to abandon its totally unjustified league tables for 11-year-olds will do nothing to presuade heads to support the Government on tests for this age group."

Under the new scheme, teachers from outside test schools will mark English, mathematics and science tests for 11 and 14-year-olds at a cost of up to £18 million. The scripts will be returned to the pupils' schools after marking so that teachers can pay special attention to strengths and weaknesses.

A further £11 million, 40 per cent of which will be found by local authorities, will be available to hire supply teachers to help to reduce the burden on primary teachers conducting the tests at seven and for those implementing tests for less able children.

Mrs Shephard said league tables at 11 would go ahead only when the tests were fully established. "I have been impressed by teachers' strong views that it would be premature for 11-year-old performance tables next year."

She was clearly unsettled by the timing of a call by Chris Woodhead, the new chief inspector of schools, to sack "hopelessly incompetent" teachers. On the day Mrs Shephard was courting the profession, Mr Woodhead wrote in the *Daily Mail* that 30 per cent of lessons in state schools were "unsatisfactory" or "downright poor".

Mrs Shephard emphasised that the bulk of Mr Woodhead's article was positive and that with local management "we have more opportunity to rid schools of people who are not pulling their weight than before".

School inspections 'behind schedule'

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

THERE are doubts about the ability of the new school inspection service to meet its four-year deadline to cover all state schools after it was disclosed that more than a third of the coming term's primary school visits have had to be postponed.

Professor Stewart Sutherland, who last week completed a two-year spell as the Chief Inspector of Schools, told Stephen Byers, the Labour MP for Wallsend, that only 814 of the 1,287 inspections of primary schools planned for the autumn term would go ahead. Up to half the inspections in some areas have been postponed.

The Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted), which uses private inspection teams to report on schools, is expected to provide a picture of the entire state system within four years. It is on schedule for the much smaller secondary sector, but a reluctance to lead primary school inspections is disrupting its timetable.

Mr Byers, who released the figures, said: "At this rate of progress, it will take seven-and-a-half years before each primary school has had an inspection."

In 19 local authorities, only half of the coming term's inspections will proceed. In Warwickshire, 11 out of 16 have been postponed.

An Ofsted spokesman said there was no shortage of inspectors, but many were being cautious about leading primary teams. The agency had anticipated the problem and expected to catch up within the next two years.

Soem 125 inspections due to take place before Christmas had now been arranged for the following term. "We have been given a remit that was always going to be tough, but we still expect to complete the four-year cycle."

Roy Castle's last days were 'full of laughter'

BY ANJANA AHUJA

ROY Castle's final days were full of joy and laughter, his widow said yesterday.

"There was a lot of laughter before he died — he was such a positive person and wasn't afraid of dying," Fiona Castle said on GMTV. "He never took anything very seriously. There wasn't any fear but there was a lot of joy."

The entertainer died of lung cancer on Friday, aged 62.

Of their 31-year marriage she said: "If someone dies very quickly you don't have time to say goodbye and if you have a problem or a conflict then there is remorse. We had time to tell each other how much we loved each other, of the good times and the fun in our marriage."

The couple, who have four grown children, shared a strong sense of faith that helped them to cope. "His heart was always so strong but I started to hear it quieten on Thursday night and I knew it was coming to the end," she said. "But he knew the assurance of eternal life and was quite excited about it."

Mrs Castle will continue fundraising for the Roy Castle Cause For Hope Appeal to build a lung cancer research centre in Liverpool, even though her husband would not be able to fulfil his wish of laying the foundation stone. So far £1.8 million has been raised, over half the target.



Fiona Castle: to keep up fundraising

Philby's father 'was Soviet agent'

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

REVELATIONS about the life of Kim Philby, the British double agent, are to be dramatised in a Hollywood film based on a forthcoming book which also suggests that the spy's father was a traitor.

Sources at United Artists, the American film company, confirmed that it had paid a "six-figure down-payment" for the film rights to *Treason in the Blood* by Anthony Cave Brown. The book, which attempts to establish whether Philby's father, Harry, was a Soviet agent who helped to recruit his son, is to be published in the United States by Houghton-Mifflen in November. It will be released in Britain early next year.

Pierce Gardner, who is developing the film for United Artists in Los Angeles, said he hoped that *Treason in the Blood* would imitate the success of *In the Name of the Father*, the controversial Hollywood dramatisation of Gerard Conlon's book about the Guildford Four, which also centred on a father-son relationship. "We hope to take a piece of English history and make it into a great Hollywood film," he said.

Mr Gardner said that while previous feature films, such as *A Question of Attribution*, *An Englishman Abroad* and *Another Country* had focused on the activities of the spies Anthony Blunt, Guy Burgess and Donald MacLean, none had fully told Philby's story. "There is a whole generation of Americans who have no idea what really happened," he said. Mr Gardner added: "The book offers a lot of cinematic opportunities. It is the story of diabolical, clever espionage and of the motivations of a compelling, enigmatic character."

Based on Kim Philby's own private papers and the recollections of his widow, Mr Cave Brown's book claims that Harry St John Philby, who often professed an interest in Communism, was central in helping his son to obtain a post in Churchill's secret service. The book reveals how St John Philby, who served the British Crown, became the agent of an obscure central Arabian prince, Ibn Saud, and later sold strategic and lucrative British oil interests in Saudi Arabia to an American company.

Pentium's exit

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT



KEENE on CHESS

HAVING eliminated the world champion Garry Kasparov and demolished the former Yugoslav grandmaster Predrag Nikolic, the Chess Genius program, running on the Pentium processor, qualified for the semi-final of the Intel Grand Prix in London at the weekend. Pentium's progress was finally halted by the Indian grandmaster Viswanathan Anand.

Anand inflicted two crushing defeats on the silicon brain. In the first game he exploited the computer's rampant materialism, when it clung to an extra pawn at the expense of its king's safety. In the second game, given below, the machine perpetrated a remarkable blunder in a king and pawn endgame. On move 35 the defensive move ... h6 would have drawn. The move chosen by the computer lost immediately.

White: Viswanathan Anand

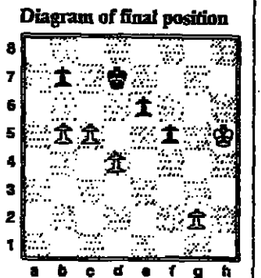
Black: Chess Genius

Intel Grand Prix, London, September 1994

Caro-Kann defence

1	e4	c6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	dxe4
4	Nxe4	Nd7
5	Nf3	Ngf6
6	Nxf6+	Nxf6
7	c3	Bg4
8	h3	Bh5
9	Be2	e6
10	Bf4	Be7
11	0-0	0-0
12	Ne5	Bxe2
13	Qxe2	Nd5
14	Bg3	c5
15	Rfd1	cxd4
16	Rxd4	Bc5
17	Rdd1	Qe7
18	Nd3	Rfd8
19	c4	Nb4
20	Nxb4	Bxb4
21	Rxd8+	Rxd8
22	Rd1	Rxd1+
23	Qxd1	Bc5
24	Bf4	g6
25	Qd2	Qf6
26	Be3	Bxe3
27	fxe3	Kg7
28	Qd4	Qxd4
29	exd4	f5
30	b4	Kf6
31	c5	a6
32	a4	Ke7
33	b5	axb5
34	axb5	g5
35	Kf2	h5
36	h4	gxh4
37	Kf3	Ke6
38	Kf4	Kd7
39	Kg5	Kd8
40	Kxh4	Kd7
41	Kxh5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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THE TV GAME

To play, tune in to *Countdown* on Channel 4 at 4.30pm today and you have six chances of winning or sharing the daily £500 TV prize money. In each of the six rounds where letters are drawn on TV a contestant will select nine letters. As the letters appear on screen check them against the eight letters printed for the same TV round at the top of your game card (ie, by excluding the rounds where numbers are drawn, Round 5 on TV will equate to word Round 4 on your card). If you can match all eight letters, in any one round, in any order, you have won that round and can claim a share of today's £500 prize money. NB If you have the same letter repeated in any one row on your card, it can only be crossed off if that letter appears the same number of times on that TV round.

To claim the TV prize phone our hotline on 091-510 0665 between 5pm and 8pm today. You must have your game card with you. If there is more than one valid claim, the prize money will be divided equally among the winners. If there are no valid claims, today's prize will be added to tomorrow's money.

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On your Countdown game card there are five daily games. Each game consists of five rounds with nine spaces which include a combination of either five or six consonants which will vary from card to card. Printed above is a selection of vowels; these vowels should be placed on to your game card in the spaces provided in each round. Rearrange the nine letters to form five words (using as many letters as possible to form one word for each round) and write your solution in the empty boxes. Now, add up the letters used to create your five words. If the total equals or is greater than the target number, below left, you can claim. If more than one person equals or breaks today's target number, the person with the highest score wins the £500 daily prize.

To claim *The Times* prize phone our hotline on 091-514 4777 between 2pm and 6pm today. You must have your card with you when you telephone. In the event of more than one valid claim, the prize will be divided equally among the winners. In the event of no valid claims, today's prize will be added to tomorrow's prize money.

For the purpose of judging, The Concise Oxford Dictionary — New Edition for the 1990s will be the sole reference, and the rules for Countdown will apply. In all matters the Editor's decision will be final.

If your copy of *The Times* did not contain a game card, contact your newsagent or call 071-867 0404.

Countdown game devised by Armand Jammot

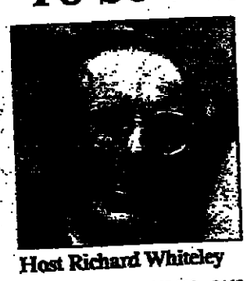
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COUNTDOWN PRIZEWINNERS

The £500 prize for Day Four of the TV game was won by Mr Richard Cotton of Bracknell, Berkshire.

The £500 Day Four Times Game prize was shared by five winners with 39 letters each. They are: Mrs Helen Restall of Guildford, Surrey; Mr Trevor Edwards of Swansea; Mrs Joan Nightingale of Wickford, Essex; Mr David Harvey of Hersham, Surrey; and Mr Clive Roslin of Maida Vale, London. Mr Roslin, the Radio 4 newsreader and father of *The Big Breakfast*'s Gaby Roslin, had the following consonants on his card and by using the vowels for Day Four made the following five words.

Round 1: F K S B R R (I E I) ..... FRISKIER
Round 2: T M Z L N (E O A A) ..... METAZOAN
Round 3: T N P N L S (E E O) ..... ONESTEP
Round 4: R G D N T (E A A O) ..... DRAGONET
Round 5: L R Y W S T (O E E) ..... WESTERLY

Computer game firms to fight porn in schools

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE computer games industry has set up a special unit to combat the spread of hard-core pornography through computers in the home and in schools. The move is a response to growing concerns that explicit material, which can contain scenes of rape and torture, is falling into the hands of children.

In a document submitted to the Home Office yesterday, the European Leisure Software Publishers Association (Elspa) said the police were "hopelessly ill-equipped" to deal with computer pornography because very few officers were technically literate enough to investigate it.

The association is urging the Home Office to introduce computer training for all officers and to advise courts on the way the Obscene Publications Act should be applied. John Loader, chief investigator at Elspa's new crime unit, said the general distrust of computers, a dislike of pornography and its circulation among children had produced a "potent cocktail" guaranteed to generate enormous publicity but few solutions.

He said the crime unit would act as a central point for reporting and investigating computer pornography. The unit will run a hotline (0386 833810) which computer users can call to report obscene images on their networks.

"Because of the way that computer pornography is particularly accessible by children, who are the main users of computer games, we believe the Home Office should advise courts to interpret the Obscene Publications Act when dealing with computer pornography as if children were the intended audience," he said.

Elspa, which represents Europe's mainstream computer software manufacturers, has issued the guidelines in order to distance its members from growing concern about computer pornography. Although computer pornography *per se* is not illegal, its distribution to children is outlawed by the Obscene Publications Act.

Mr Loader said the biggest problem relates to material obtained through boot-legged compact discs and pirated computer game software. In the past year, Elspa has seized 1,000 illegally copied pornographic discs in raids on suppliers.

A survey by the University of Central Lancashire showed computer pornography was available at three in ten boys' secondary schools. Much of imported material can be bought at Sunday markets and car boot sales.

Other material comes through international bulletin boards. These are computer data bases that can be accessed by anyone with a home computer, a telephone and a modem. For the price of an international call, obscene material can be loaded on to a home computer, from where it can be copied and re-distributed.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, announced proposals to plug loopholes in obscenity laws that have allowed computer pornography to spread but Mr Loader said the real problem lay not in the law but in its enforcement.

Sgt John Ashley of Greater Manchester Police, an expert in computer crime, said: "As home computers become more widely used, so the spread of pornography among children, who are now trained to be computer-friendly, will grow. Police are going to have to become increasingly computer literate to deal with this problem."



A restored version of the 1937 SS Jaguar sports car in pristine condition

JAMES MORGAN

Vintage SS Jaguar sells for £62,000

BY JOHN SHAW

A 1937 SS Jaguar sports car, which spent the past 30 years in a Kent barn, sold for £62,000 after intense international competition at a Sotheby's auction in London yesterday.

The SS was bought by Glen Kalil, 48, an American oriental rug dealer who lives in Hampstead, north London. He plans to restore and use the low-slung two-seater himself. The vehicle was estimated to make between £25,000-£35,000.

Mr Kalil outbid ten enthusiasts on the telephone and several people in the auction room. He said: "I want to restore it, but keep it as original as possible. The price I paid was more than enough."

The 2.5 litre car has had only two other owners since new. The last was John Montgomery, a Kent farmer who used it regularly until the 1960s, when it was stored in a barn. Its last journey was between the hop poles on his farm while Mr Montgomery talked to the pickers. The car still has its original red leather trim and red carpets. The instrumentation is correct.

The other star of the sale was a 1924 Vauxhall 30/98 Velox tourer which sold for £69,700 to a Yorkshire businessman against a pre-sale estimate of £30,000-£50,000. It was found under a tarpaulin in a Scottish field.



Potential buyers examine the SS Jaguar from Kent

Unitary councils 'losing support'

BY IAN MURRAY
COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

SUPPORT is ebbing away for the all-purpose local authorities favoured by the Government, to judge by the latest proposals from the Local Government Commission.

Nine months ago the Government told the commission, which is redrawing the map of shire England, to think again after it proposed creating only two unitary authorities in Derbyshire, leaving the rest of the county under the existing two-tier system. The Government had hoped that the commission would set a precedent by carving the county into all-purpose authorities.

However, the commission's second review, published yesterday, proposes only one unitary authority covering the city of Derby with the rest of the county retaining the two-tier system.

As an alternative, the commission resubmits its original idea of unitary authorities for the city and for the northeast of the county with the remainder unchanged. The report says this option, though supported by some organisations and businesses, "is no longer supported by any of the local authorities serving that area".

The commission says that during the past nine months support for a new unitary council in the northeast of the county has eroded. "At the same time, the county council and five district councils have proposed ways in which the two-tier system can be made to work more effectively."

The commission had also been asked to think again about its proposal to retain two-tier local government in much of Durham. After seeking local views, the commission stuck to its original idea.

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Farnborough airshow sees hostilities escalate over contract to replace ageing Hercules aircraft

Defence firms locked in battle over RAF order

BY MICHAEL EVANS AND HARVEY ELLIOTT

A BITTER dispute broke out yesterday between rival American and British defence companies over a multimillion-pound contract to build a new transport aircraft for the RAF.

Senior executives from British Aerospace and Lockheed, at the Farnborough airshow to promote their proposals to replace the RAF's ageing fleet of Hercules aircraft, launched into a public debate over costings and job prospects.

BAe is part of a consortium of European companies that is lobbying hard over its Future Large Aircraft (FLA), which it says will carry twice the payload of the Hercules. However, Micky Blackwell, president of Lockheed Aeronautical Systems, which is developing a new version of the Hercules, the C130J, dismissed the FLA as a project lacking in "reality".

At present, only the C130J is being considered by the Ministry of Defence to replace a first batch of 30 Hercules. A decision is due by the end of the year.

However, BAe and the other British and European companies designing the FLA have pleaded with the ministry to delay the decision so that it can study the European alternative, which is still on the drawing board.

The FLA will not be ready until 2002 and the European consortium, which includes Rolls-Royce and Short Brothers, is proposing that the current Hercules should be refurbished to fill the gap.

Lockheed officials dismissed refurbishment as impractical and quoted figures produced by a French parliamentary finance committee this year, estimating that a single FLA could cost as much as £85 million.

Dick Evans, chief executive of BAe, angrily rejected Lockheed's claim and said it was impossible to give an accurate costing until a proper feasibility study had been completed. Lockheed said the Hercules C130J would be ready for the RAF by 1996 and would cost between £25 million and £30 million each.

The rivalry entered a new phase yesterday at Farnborough when it was announced that the management of the FLA military transport programme would be taken over by the highly successful Airbus Industrie. The Airbus partners, Aerospatiale of France, BAe, CASA of Spain and Deutsche Aerospace of Germany, together with Alania of Italy, are involved in the FLA programme.

Mr Evans said that if Britain failed to sign to the FLA project, there could be serious repercussions for British participation in the Airbus business. Under present plans, BAe would build the wings of the FLA. However, the Government has opted out of the FLA programme and BAe officials said that unless this was reversed, the work could switch to the Germans.

BAe sources said the consequences could be disastrous for Britain's aerospace industry. "The next time there's a new Airbus civil airliner to build, they might turn again to the Germans to produce the wings," one source said.

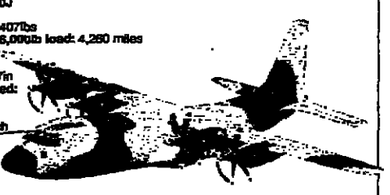
The FLA camp said a programme to build about 300 of the new aircraft would create 7,000 jobs in Britain. However, Lockheed promised there would be 3,500 jobs in Britain. "starting now", if the Government ordered the Hercules C130J. Thirty six British companies are involved in the C130J programme.

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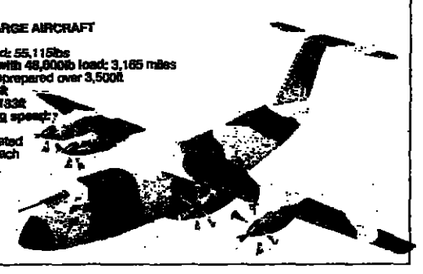
HERCULES C-130J

Max Payload: 41,407lbs
Max range with 16,000lb load: 4,260 miles
Runway: 2,000ft
Length: 112ft 9in
Wingspan: 132ft 7in
Max cruising speed: 375mph
Cost: Estimated £25-30 million each



FUTURE LARGE AIRCRAFT

Max Payload: 55,115lbs
Max range with 48,000lb load: 3,165 miles
Runway: Unprepared over 3,500ft
Length: 133ft
Wingspan: 133ft
Max cruising speed: 484mph
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Andrei Brukhanskaya, who flew to the show in an Il76 transport plane, selling Russian souvenirs to fund the trip

Warm welcome for Cold War foes

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE acceptable face of Russian capitalism is everywhere to be seen at the 1994 Farnborough Airshow. Some of Russia's greatest weapons secrets, which once obsessed Western intelligence, are now contained in a glossy brochure priced at 120,000 roubles (£40).

The added twist, as Victor Bondarenko, president of the company that produces *Military Parade*, the magazine of the "Russian militaty [sic] industrial complex", put it, is that the journal is a joint Russian-American business. The Zigzag Venture Group is one of 27 Russian companies exhibiting at Farnborough, including the famous MiG and Sikhoi design bureaux.

When the Russians first arrived at Farnborough after the Cold War ended, they were a curiosity. Today, the 500 Russians promoting the latest combat fighters and air-to-air missiles are a seasoned, better dressed bunch.

There may be few Western countries seriously contemplating buying MiG 29s or the latest SU35s, a multi-role fighter, but the sleek combat aircraft could be picked up at bargain prices compared with some Western rivals. Eurofighter, the four-nation aircraft that the RAF plans to buy at an expected cost per aircraft of about £34 million, is undergoing checks and is not on show.

One Russian couple, Natalia Brukhanskaya and her husband, Andrei, seemed impervious yesterday to the pressures of representing their country. They spent the day trying to sell Russian dolls and badges to help to raise funds to pay for the trip to Farnborough of an Ilyushin 76 transport plane, on display at the show.

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Livestock farmers demand meeting

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FARMERS yesterday demanded an urgent meeting with William Waldegrave, the Minister of Agriculture, to discuss the future of livestock exports to the rest of Europe, which earned almost £200 million last year.

The trade is threatened because cross-Channel ferry operators are under growing pressure from passengers and animal welfare campaigners to stop carrying animals. Stena Sealink and Brittany Ferries have already banned or restricted such cargoes.

Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, said it was essential that Mr Waldegrave was made fully aware of the of concern within the industry. "Curbing exports in this way will not be to the benefit of animal welfare," he said. "Continental consumers want locally slaughtered meat, and if this demand cannot be satisfied with high quality animals from Britain, then they will source them ... from eastern European countries where animal welfare is not the priority it is here."

Sir David wants a system for the licensing and registration of road hauliers specialising in animal transport, and a code of practice requiring livestock to be fed, watered and rested every 15 hours. That is already the case in Britain. A 24-hour rule applies on the Continent.

The Agriculture Ministry is expected this week to propose tough new penalties for hauliers who fail to feed and water animals at stopping-points specified in journey plans.

It is doubtful if this will be enough to persuade ferries to lift their restrictions. Ministry officials admitted yesterday that monitoring hauliers' compliance with journey plans would be difficult without the co-operation of police and local authorities abroad.

Schools try smart dinner card

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

PUPILS in the Highlands are among the first in Britain to use microchips to pay for their potato chips. Children in three schools yesterday launched a scheme to pay for their school meals with smart cards.

The cards, which work like phone cards, may eventually enable children to go to school without money, thus cutting down the risk of bullying.

The children's names and identification numbers are printed on the cards. Parents pay Highland Regional Council direct and the value of the money is automatically recorded on the card. The current balance is shown on a machine at the canteen cash desk.

The cards will also encourage children to eat healthily. Those who choose fruit instead of junk food will be awarded bonus points and can enter a prize draw.

Painkillers may step up the pain of headaches

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

TAKING a painkiller to cure a headache may do more harm than good. Researchers have found that people who regularly use analgesics may become dependent on them and make their headaches worse.

New studies to be presented at an international symposium this week, organised by the Migraine Trust, confirm the link between overuse of painkillers, including aspirin, paracetamol and ibuprofen, and the frequency of headaches.

Dr Clifford Rose, chairman of the trust, said that migraine reduced the effectiveness of painkillers taken by mouth because it slowed the digestive action of the stomach, and that encouraged sufferers to increase the dose to counter the pain.

Dr Rose said: "It is very difficult to treat because they have to come off the tablets and endure the migraine without them. It is just like an addiction. I have to tell them they are going to suffer."

The morning headache that afflicts many regular users of analgesics is a withdrawal symptom, Dr Rose said. "Any drug taken daily builds up a level in the tissues during the day which drops overnight and you get a rebound headache in the morning. It is essential to appreciate that analgesics can cause headaches." About 800 GPs and other health professionals will attend the symposium, held in London to mark Migraine Awareness week.

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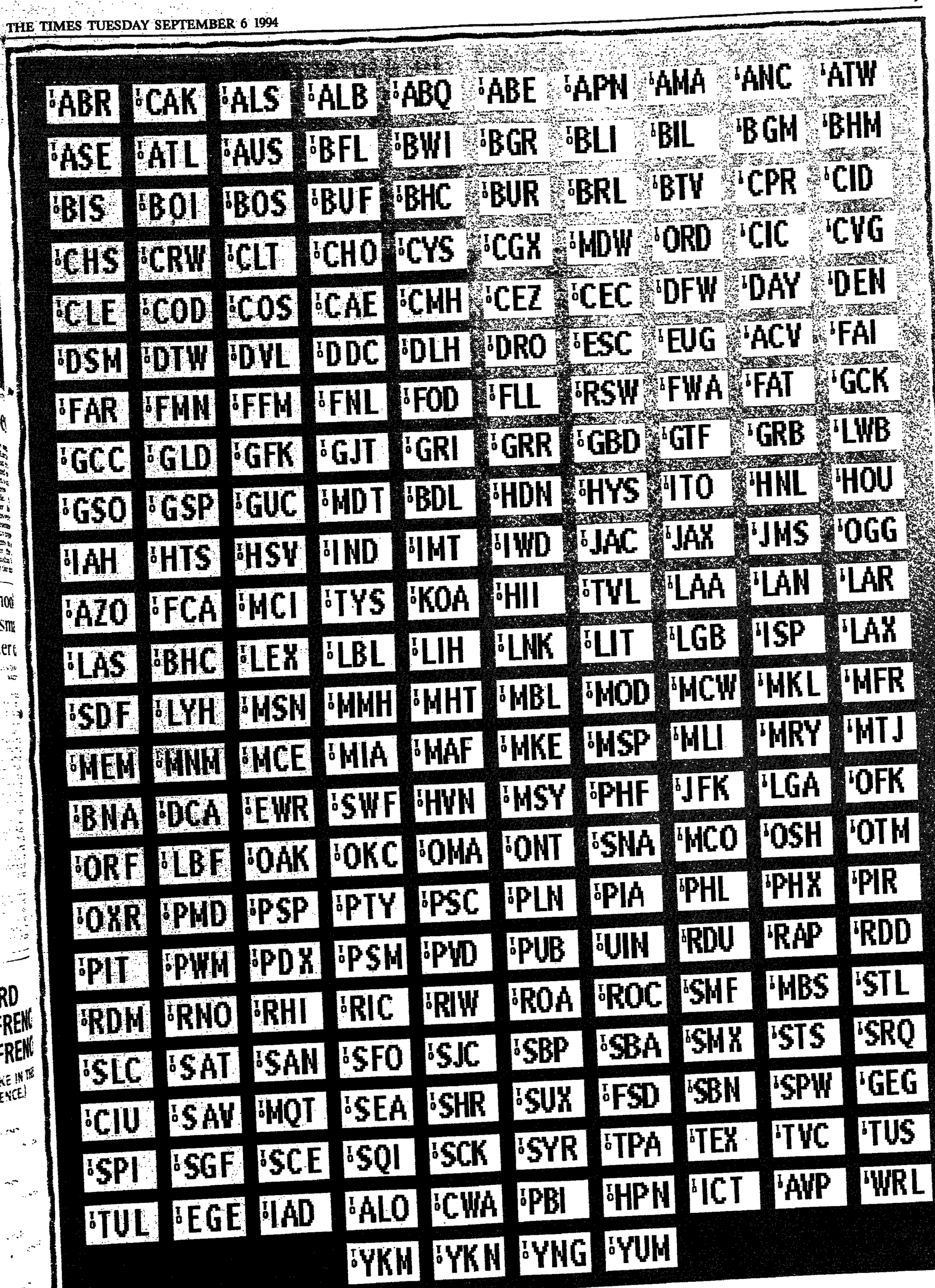
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McLaren: iniquities of income cannot go on

BIG changes are needed in attitudes and behaviour if the human race is to survive, Dr Anne McLaren said in her presidential address to the annual conference of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr McLaren said the future would be secured only if action was taken to counter the threats posed by rapid population growth, profligate use of resources and the increase of pollution (Nigel Hawkes writes).

Of these, population growth perhaps had shown the most encouraging trends, with fertility falling fast in many parts of the world. The desire to limit family size was there and the United Nations' "medium projection" of population levelling off at about 11 billion people by the end of next century could be achieved or even bettered with a relatively modest increase in funding applied in the right way.

Dr McLaren, a geneticist, told the conference at Loughborough University of Technology that many new contraceptive methods would be ready for use soon. These included spermicides that would also protect women against viruses such as HIV, injectable contraceptives that would provide protection for up to a year, and vaccines that would work against the proteins of the egg or the early embryo. The difficulty was that too little money was made available for the research, in part because drug companies could see no profit in supplying cheap contraceptives to the Third World.

All the new methods would be opposed by the Roman Catholic Church. Dr McLaren said, but the evidence was that Catholic women would be prepared to use them. "Italy has the lowest fertility rate in Europe, perhaps in the world," she said.

The population conference under way in Cairo should realise that the problem was urgent. "If the world waits too long before facing up to the population problem and giving the complete wherewithal to every couple to control their own fertility, each year we delay will mean the quality of life for our grandchildren will be lower."

Other issues that needed to be faced were the education of women and their emancipation, modifying consumption so as to make better use of resources, and narrowing the gap between rich and poor.

"There will always be richer countries and poorer countries. There will always be richer and poorer people within countries. But the obscene iniquities of income that we see in the world today cannot continue for much longer."

Dr McLaren told delegates that rich nations with a quarter or less of the world's population consumed 75 per cent of resources and produced at least 75 per cent of pollution. If the majority were to start consuming resources at the same rate as the minority, the Earth's reserves would be used up in a decade or two.

The test of a desirable lifestyle, she said, was that all of the world's population should be able to share it and that it should be able to be continued indefinitely. "For a few million people, the hunter-gatherer's lifestyle passed that test: our lifestyle today does not."

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Britons facing life of uncertainty at home and at work

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITAIN has entered an age of anxiety, with increasing insecurity over jobs, homes and relationships, according to a survey of more than 5,000 households published today.

The results suggest that the "feel-good" factor sought by the Government to restore its fortunes is far away.

The study was funded by the Economic and Social Science Research Council and is launched today at the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, at Loughborough University.

Professor Jonathan Gershuny, of the council's research centre on micro-social change at Essex University, said: "These surveys, covering the years 1990-92, show that people are coping with a great deal of turbulence in their everyday lives."

One of the most striking findings is that many more people are forced into the benefits system for short periods than are detected by the Government's monthly "snapshot" surveys.

Professor David Rose, another member of the survey team, said: "A third more households in our survey received benefit during the course of the year than government figures indicate."

A main source of instability in people's lives is the decline in full-time employment. Men have responded by moving to self-employment, which has doubled in the past 25 years. More than 20 per cent of those in the survey aged over 45 in 1992 were self-employed. Women have taken part-time or casual jobs, moving in and out of them all the time.

Incomes have become uncertain, with 25 per cent of the households surveyed having a substantial change — either up or down — during the course of a year.

Professor Rose said many once-stable jobs were no longer so: "Large numbers of people from all classes are just one month's pay packet away from poverty."

The uncertainties of work are matched by those of shifting relationships. Most people in their late twenties in the survey have cohabited at some point. Such couples were more than four times as likely to split up as those that were married.

In a single year, one household in six experienced a change in composition, including separation and divorce.

The first results of the survey, which interviewed 14,000 people from 5,000 households, have been published as *Changing Households*. Interviewers were setting out yesterday on the fourth wave of interviews with the participants, chosen at random across Britain.

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Moser calls for action to improve city schools

AN EMERGENCY programme is needed to improve education in deprived city areas, Sir Claus Moser told the British Association.

Sir Claus, a former head of the Government Statistical Service, said tens of thousands of children went to schools "where the teachers are unqualified, playgrounds are hardly usable, roofs are leaking and libraries are a joke. Truancy runs high and for many teachers the task is little more than crowd control." But some schools in such areas did succeed and their experience should be used in an emergency programme, he said.

Four years ago, when Sir Claus was president of the association, his criticisms of the education system led to the setting up of a National Commission on Education. Yesterday he said that despite some improvements, the problems remained vast. He called for nursery education for all three-year-olds and the broadening of the A-level syllabus.



The Civil Service hierarchy, evoked by BBC2's *Yes, Minister*, has been linked to poor health among junior officials

Don't let the boss grind you down

BY OUR SCIENCE EDITOR

BEING an underdog can seriously damage your health, the British Association meeting was told yesterday.

People at the bottom of a hierarchy consistently live less long than those at the top, Professor Robert Evans of the University of British Columbia said. The traditional explanations — poverty, smoking, diet and unequal access to health care — could not explain the large differences in death rates, he said.

A study of Whitehall civil servants had shown a strong correlation between status and mortality. Over a ten-year period, those in the lowest grades had three times as large a probability of dying as those at the top.

Studies of wild baboons in the Serengeti in east Africa had shown very similar patterns, with subordinate animals under chronic strain, mostly generated not by fear of predators or a lack of food, but by social interactions with their superiors in the tribe.

"What really bothers subordinates is not being attacked by a leopard, or even worrying about being attacked by a leopard" he said. "It is being yawned at by a higher-ranking male from a distance of three feet".

As in the Serengeti, so in the competition of modern human life. Professor Evans said that being an underling could produce effects in the hormone system that might help explain the increased incidence of disease. While the indomitable could emerge unscathed, for others the experience of having their inferiority and powerlessness reaffirmed could be fatal.

What should be done, if the aim of public policy was to give everyone an equal chance? "You do not have to remake society in order to mitigate the health effects of hierarchy" he said. "It may be enough to reduce the extent to which those of lower status have their faces rubbed in it. What seems to be harmful is the chronic strain that comes from being subjected to frequent and unpredictable attack, both physical and particularly psychological."

An alternative approach might be to train people to respond better to stress. Some baboons, and some junior civil servants, coped better than others with low status.

Drug test tumour dismissed

A tumour was unlikely to be the reason why Diane Modahl, the British athlete, failed a drugs test in Lisbon, according to sports scientists, (Nick Nuttall writes). A cancer could have caused her urine sample to show levels of the male hormone testosterone over 40 times higher than normal.

Clyde Williams, professor of sports science at Loughborough University, said yesterday that if such high levels were due to a large tumour, the athlete would have shown other side effects linked to prolonged exposure to the male hormone.

At the same time Dr David Cowan, head of the International Olympic Committee's drug testing laboratory at King's College, London, disclosed a new test that can distinguish between naturally produced testosterone and the synthetic form taken by cheating athletes.

Crime shrinks from the light

Better quality street lighting can halve muggings, burglaries and car thefts on crime-ridden streets and estates, according to researchers from the Institute of Criminology at Cambridge University. They also said better lighting cut the fear of crime by increasing the social, sexual and age mix of people out at night.

Cut in coal raises heat

Global temperatures could rise alarmingly as industrialised nations cut emissions from coal-fired power stations, Dr David Carson, director of the Meteorological Office's Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction, told the association. It is thought that sulphur particles from coal in the atmosphere have had an artificial cooling effect.

City sights

Pressure on the countryside could be eased by the imaginative use of city sites for country sports activities, Professor Sue Glyptis of Loughborough University said. Her suggestions included canals for canoeing and disused prison walls for rock-climbing.

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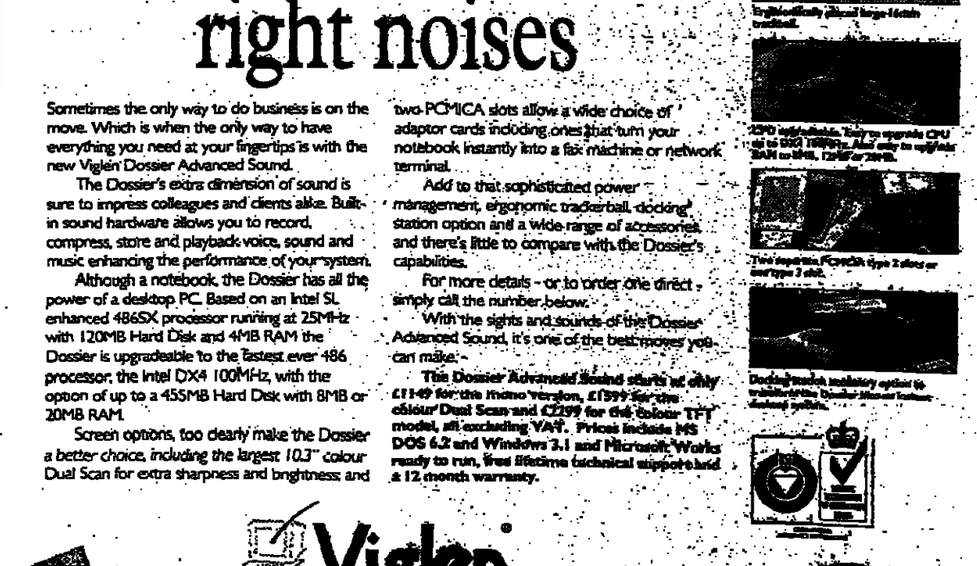
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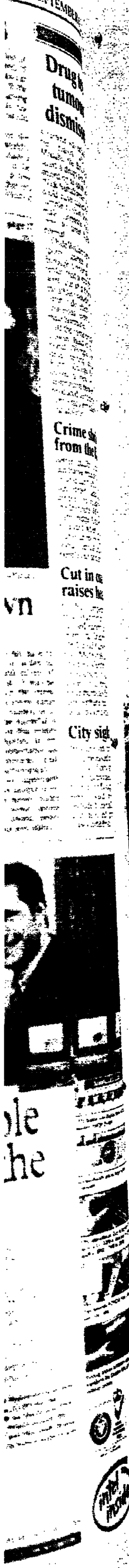
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The Jimmy Knapp band sings Golden Oldies to a new tune

JOE JOSEPH IN BLACKPOOL

The TUC relaunched itself yesterday with the closest Blackpool may get this year to Woodstock. Theatres along the beachfront may have Cannon and Ball, but the Winter Gardens had pulled a crowd of 800 for the TUC's new star, Jimmy Knapp, who is exactly the same age as Cliff Richard. This arresting coincidence was brought to our notice by Rodney Bickerstaffe, the TUC's vice-president and resident Buddy Holly lookalike.

Picking up a few tips from the Rolling Stones and Pink Floyd, the TUC spared no cost on the stage set. A gigantic platform, capped by a new cream and crimson logo, swallowed a third of the hall's floor space. Only cynics suggested that its size was an attempt to camouflage the dwindling number of delegates who make the pilgrimage to Blackpool nowadays.

If the special effects seemed lacking, it was only because the TUC realised that Jimmy Knapp — the only rock star to secrete a personal voice scrambler inside his microphone — *is* a special effect. Whenever Jimmy broke into song, the chap at the side of the stage doing hand signals for the deaf noticeably slowed from 45rpm to 33⅓rpm as he struggled to decode the lyrics.

A warm-up set by Rodney Bickerstaffe ranged from epitaphs for the old TUC, such as *Midnight Shift* and *It Doesn't Matter Anymore*, through his middle period of reappraisal, *What To Do* and *Learning The Game*, and reached a climax with the visionary union anthem of *Rave On*.

The audience was at fever pitch when Jimmy then took the microphone, beginning his medley with his doppelganger's greatest hit, *Summer Holiday*: he was hurtin' because the press had misrepresented his recent trip to Geneva to attend the International Transport Workers' conference as a luxury holiday. "After that experience," he crooned, "I do have a fear that tomorrow I will read that I am even now basking on the beach, enjoying all the pleasures of Lancashire's premier holiday resort."

Joined by his backing chorus of The RMT Shadows, Jimmy sang his version of *We Don't Talk Anymore*, but was clearly saving his big number, *Con-grat-u-laaations*, for a more suitable gig later in the RMT tour schedule. His finale, *This year has been the year in which we have relaunched the TUC*, went platinum instantly.

Next on stage came the famous County and Western duo from Labour HQ, David Blunkett and Lucy, his dog. They wooed the crowd with J.J. Barrie's 1976 hit about how Labour had always supported the unions — for which: *No Charge* — and the Welfare State — *No Charge* — and a minimum wage — *No Charge* — and full employment — *No Charge*.

And whatever stories unionists might hear about the knot between the Labour Party and the TUC being untied, Dave and Lucy had come to put the record straight: in the words of Tammy Wynette, there will be no D.I.V.O.R.C.E.

That tune was reprieved later when John Monks, the TUC general secretary, reminded the conference of Tony Blair's warning that a future Labour government would treat trade unions with "fairness, not favours". Monks, his voice lilting, then broke into a Blues arrangement of *Give us fairness, Tony. We'll settle for that.*

But not everyone likes the new melodies. Outside the Winter Gardens, the unreconstructed hippies of the TUC's Woodstock era were trying to entice delegates to a fringe concert given last night by *Socialist Worker*. The proposed hit of the evening? *Tories In Crisis. Are they in for a winter of discontent?* For some concert-goers, the Golden Oldies are still the best.

Rail chiefs predict big advance in strike battle

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH Rail hopes to run *more than half its normal* services during this week's signalworkers' strike for the first time since the series of strikes began three months ago.

If BR manages to breach such a significant barrier, rail operators believe that the achievement will help to hasten the end of the bitter and protracted strikes, although leaders of the RMT rail union insisted yesterday that support for the strikes remained solid.

John Monks, the TUC general secretary, backed the strikes at the annual conference yesterday, and the Labour leader, Tony Blair, will come under pressure to follow suit when he goes to Blackpool today.

Ministers and the strike-hit Railtrack are likely to seize on the passing of the 50 per cent mark as clear evidence that the signallers' pay and productivity strikes are failing in their attempt to stop the railways' business.

BR is likely today to announce that it expects to run more than 50 per cent of its normal 15,000 services during Thursday's strike. In last week's stoppage, BR managed to run 46 per cent of services.

Union leaders argue both that the services are still patchy, with some areas still seeing almost no trains, and that where trains are running few passengers are using them.

BR is also expected to provide for Railtrack for the first time volunteers to help to keep the network open. BR is unlikely to announce the number, but it is believed to be a good deal less than 100.

Railtrack last night claimed that the strike was "over" in the West Country, as it declared it was able to offer operators a full line service between Bristol Temple Meads and London Paddington, but union leaders were sceptical.

Senior BR managers last night discussed the dispute with rail union leaders at a private dinner at the TUC conference. But Jimmy Knapp, the RMT general secretary, withdrew from the dinner after BR announced its volunteer plans, condemning BR for "secondary action". However, leaders of the train drivers' union Aslef and the white-collar rail workers TSSA attended.

RMT and Aslef leaders are putting the final touches on a resolution on the rail dispute to go before the TUC on Thursday. A draft of the motion circulating in Blackpool last night calls on unions to contribute to the RMT strike fund and for the TUC to organise a national demonstration in London in support of the signallers.

Mr Monks told the TUC conference that the RMT was in the "frontline" over the dispute, and had "fought its corner in a way that's won wide public support".

Railtrack, in its latest bulletin to its staff, strongly denied it wanted to sack strikers. While it has been prepared publicly to confirm it has been considering such an option, it carefully avoided doing so in its staff bulletin, although it implicitly confirmed a confidential lawyers' document leaked last week laying out the option when it described it as "stolen".

Ann Clwyd, a Labour employment spokesman, called yesterday at a TUC fringe meeting for the Railtrack chairman, Robert Horton, to resign after the disclosure of the legal advice on sacking strikers. Ms Clwyd described the plan as "industrial fascism"

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Public back us, says RMT

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE public are backing the striking railway signallers because they are fed up with "macho managers", Jimmy Knapp said yesterday.

In his presidential address to the Congress, the leader of the RMT rail union pledged to fight on until the signallers won a "fair and acceptable negotiated settlement". He said sympathy for the strikers remained strong despite three months of disruption to rail services.

As the 4,000 signallers prepare for their 16th strike on Thursday, Mr Knapp insisted that the dispute was part of a wider struggle. "Many members of the public, especially the South East commuters, know what it's like to be badly treated by the railways," he said. Many of them also knew what it was like to be badly treated at work.

The ingredients of the dispute lay in the "culture of the macho-manager, in the pressures from above to get more and more out of fewer people, where the top rewards go to those who sack the most people".

Taking a sideswipe at "obscene" rewards for managers of newly privatised utilities, Mr Knapp claimed that the new hardline culture had been encouraged by the Government. It was the "shadow of the Government" hanging over the dispute that made it so much more difficult to resolve.

Mr Knapp said the signal workers had stood firm against great pressure from their employers. But they would continue to demand a 5.7 per cent rise before they would negotiate the pay restructuring and productivity package sought by Railtrack.

Support for the strike is strong at the conference, although a rally on Sunday failed to attract a large crowd. By portraying the strike as part of a wider struggle, Mr Knapp hopes to deflect criticism that the signallers oppose modernisation.



Mr Blunkett: seeking partnership of industry, trade unions and government

Blunkett wins backing for new partnership

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Labour Party chairman, David Blunkett, won broad approval from the conference when he told delegates that the unions neither expected nor needed any favours from Tony Blair's leadership.

Addressing the TUC on the eve of Mr Blair's arrival for a private dinner with the TUC general council, Mr Blunkett both emphasised the links between the party and the unions and the differences between them. The union leaders' blessing came in spite of some having been concerned at the gap they believe Mr Blair wants to maintain between them and the party. One senior union leader said last night that it was a "bit of an insult" for Mr Blair to have described the unions as a "pressure group" with no special place within the party.

Mr Blunkett, however, said that Labour was "proud" of the men and women who made up trade unions that were part of Labour's historic family. He said: "But you as trade unionists don't expect or need favours from us because you seek what is right, what is just and what is fair — we believe in what is just and what is fair too."

Mr Blunkett emphasised that Labour had renewed its links with the unions in the procedure to elect Mr Blair as leader, and he made it clear that there should be no more changes to the formal Labour-union relationship.

"Those constitutional changes have already been put to the test. Now is the time for consolidation and continuity for the foreseeable future. Our relationship is clear, and based on mutual respect for the different and complementary jobs of the TUC."

Trade unions and Labour had a "common purpose" he said, and he called for Labour and the unions to work together in partnership to build the economy, put Britain back to work and play a full part in Europe. "We want to build a new partnership which brings industry, trade unions and Government together to work for the future." Central to that would be Labour's commitment to full employment, and to a national minimum wage.

John Monks, the general secretary of the TUC, called on the Labour leader to treat the unions with fairness and said they would gladly work with him. Referring to Mr Blair's statement that he would treat the unions with "fairness not favours", Mr Monks insisted he did not in any way see this as a snub. All the unions wanted was to be fairly treated.

He cited as examples of such fairness the restoration of union rights at GCHQ, better treatment for sacked mineworkers and fair treatment for public service workers such as the striking signalmen. Mr Monks suggested a message to Mr Blair from the conference: "Give us fairness, Tony. We'll settle for that and we'll work with you gladly to rebuild the country's prosperity."

Monks hits first blow in battle of ideas

BY ROSS TIEMAN

THE new-broom general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, John Monks, has won his battle to relaunch the TUC as an apolitical campaigning organisation.

In a calm but incisive speach to more than 600 delegates in the Winter Gardens at Blackpool, Mr Monks routed left-wing opponents of his reform plans. He asked for "fairness, not favours" from Labour's new leader, Tony Blair. But he showed too that the TUC has not lost touch with its left-wing past, and launched a scathing attack on the Prime Minister.

Opening his first Congress as general secretary, Mr Monks said he was determined to "put the TUC at the centre of the battle to turn the tide of ideas" in favour of the vulnerable, the exploited and in favour of those who work, or want to work. The tide had "begun to turn", although the battle continued with the striking rail signallers' union, the RMT, in the vanguard.

Throwing the full weight of TUC backing behind the strikers, he said the justice of their case had been recognised by the public despite a government "propaganda" campaign. Mr Monks told Jimmy Knapp, the RMT leader: "You're not just fighting for justice for signalling staff. You're also fighting for effective trade unionism."

The signallers had shown that unions were still a force to be reckoned with. He warned the Government and employers: "When our members are ignored and under threat, we can and will take effective action."

Despite his promise to seek a dialogue with all political parties, Mr Monks played to the trade union faithful with a crisp condemnation of Tory attacks on trade unionism. He accused John Major of breaking many of the promises made at the last election, including pledges of lower taxes. Worst of all, he said, "He has broken his biggest election-winning promise: his promise not to be Mrs Thatcher."

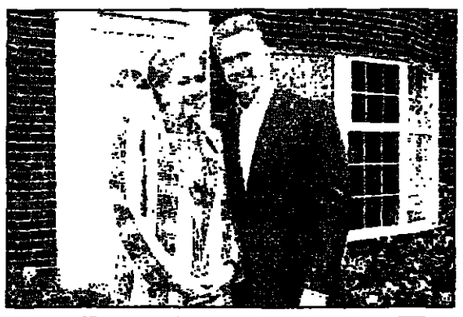
Mr Monks also attacked the new Employment Secretary, Michael Portillo, claiming he had "started with all the subtlety of an English soccer hooligan". Although the rhetoric lacked the fire of yesteryear, it carried the day on the conference floor.

Roger Lyons, general secretary of the MSF technical union, said unions had to recognise that members joined for "protection and support, individual and collective". He added: "We must start from the individual because we care about each and every member." But the best way to help people was usually through the collective, he said. "It is this belief which gives us our vision of the future."

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AN EMERGENCY resolution on the IRA's ceasefire threatened yesterday to thwart union leaders' efforts to avoid any controversy that might harm Tony Blair's popularity.

The difficulty lies in the wording of the resolution, from the National Union of Journalists, which says the TUC "welcomes the IRA's statement of 31 August 1994 declaring a 'complete cessation of military operations'."

TUC business managers say the statement goes further than the Irish TUC has done, and is inappropriate. They also want to avoid inflaming members of the Prison Officers' Association.

John Foster, NUJ general secretary, last night denied that the resolution in any way gave support to the IRA.

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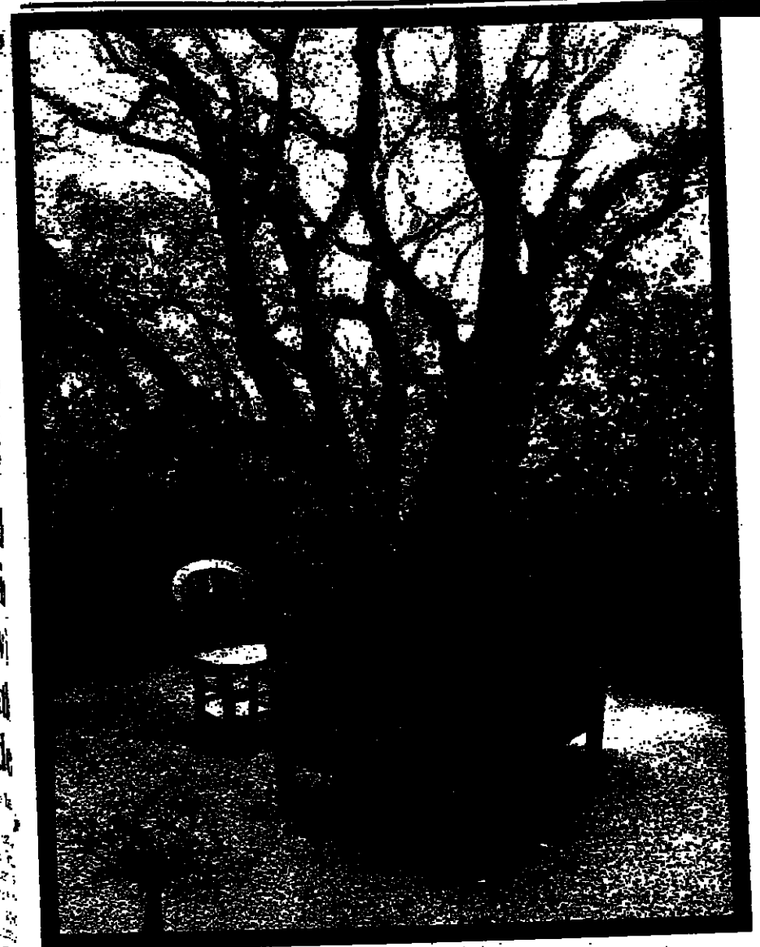
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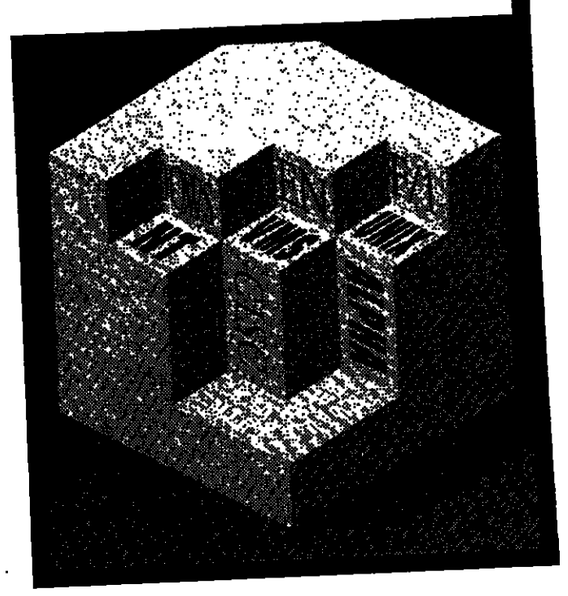
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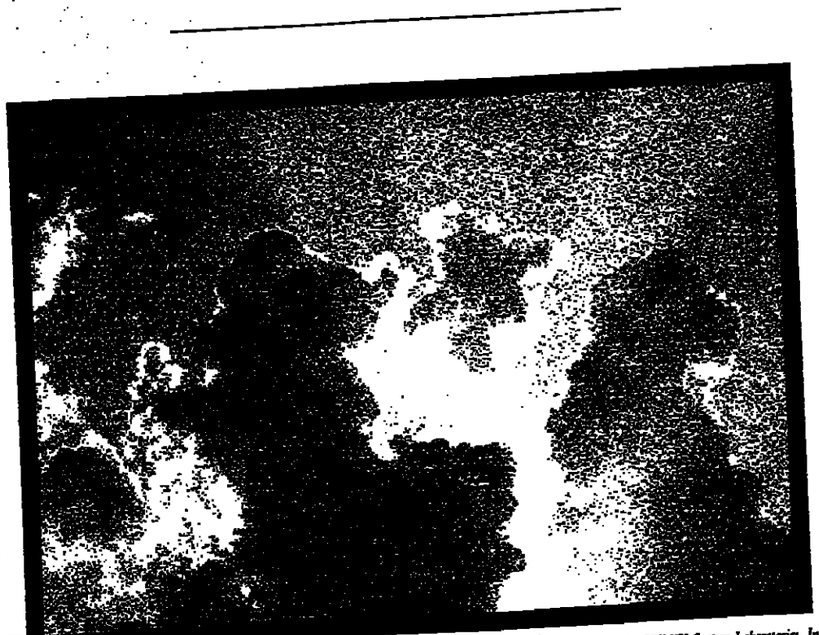
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How the clearing system works

DEMAND for engineering and technology courses listed in *The Times* vacancies service is sluggish with many places still available. Admissions tutors report that the supply of qualified applicants is fast drying up and some expect to be left with vacancies at the end of clearing.

Even the joint degrees that twin engineering with popular subjects, such as business or modern languages, have large numbers of openings available. Manchester University, however, withdrew from clearing yesterday with all its courses full.

The Times is the only newspaper providing a daily listing service detailing vacancies subject-by-subject.

On Wednesday we return to arts and social science subjects, with the sciences following on Thursday. The subject listings will follow the same three-day cycle throughout the clearing period.

After studying the lists, applicants should start ringing admissions tutors directly. All candidates who either missed their grades or failed to get a university offer are automatically sent instructions for clearing and a "passport" or clearing entry form (Cef). The passport has a six-digit number preceded by a C for clearing in the top right-hand corner. Universities will ask for this number before they deal with you.

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Liverpool: H500 (12), H502 (12), H581 (8), H600 (12), H601 (12), H616 (12), H621 (12), H651 (12), H673 (12), HH56 (12), HH5P (12), HH5Q (12), HHM6 (12), GG66 (12)
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Liverpool John Moores: H600, H608, HN65
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Loughborough: HH67 (14)
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Manchester Metro: FH3P, FH1P, CH1P, CHCP, H600, H608, GH5P, HLP1, HTP9, HHP7, FHHP, HJP4, H680, HLP3
Middlesex: HH6C, Y400
Napier: GH56
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Paisley: H601
Plymouth: HN61
Portsmouth: H611
Reading: F340
Salford: F314 (10), F353 (10), H6N1, H620, H621, H610, H611
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London, UCL: H250
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Newcastle: H250 (12), *H251 (12)*, H280 (12), H281 (12)
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Southampton: H250 (17)
Staffordshire: F900, N101
Strathclyde: J972 (14)
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Napier: GH56
Nottingham Trent: GC51, GF51, GG51, GG53, GF59, FGXM
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Salford: G5N1 (14), G5R1 (14), G5R2 (14), G5T4 (18)
Sheffield Hallam: G563, H698, N611,
Suffolk Coll: GP54, CG15, GF59, X3G5, G5N1, G5NC, G5W2, G5C1, GN51, N1G5, W9G5
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Brighton: K251
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Kent: N100 (14)
Leeds: H3N1 (18)
Leeds Metro: K250
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London, RH: N100 (22)
Loughborough: HH67 (14), H780 (14)
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Teesside: H780, H7NJ
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Hull: HJ3M
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Sheffield: J500 (12), J200 (12)
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Glasgow: H300, HH37, HH36
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Liverpool John Moores: H300, H308, H350, H358, HH37, HH3R
Kingston: H300 (4)
Manchester Metro: H300, H308, H309, *HH3R, HH38, HH36, HH3P*
Middlesex: H308, H300, H390, HH36, HH63
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Northumbria: H300, H308
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Paisley: H300
Plymouth: H6N1, H300
Portsmouth: H300, H300B
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South Bank: H770, HN71, GH57
Staffordshire: H770
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Swansea Inst: H770
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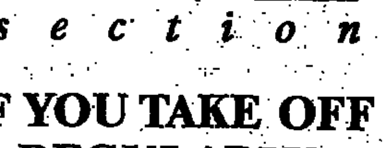
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Fragile British position exposed by blueprint for a multi-speed EU

British Tories have, not for the first time, been wrong-footed by fellow right-wingers on the Continent. The French and German proposals for the further integration of the European Union around an inner core are for debate rather than immediate decision, but they expose the fragility of the British position.

Ever since the approval of the Maastricht treaty last year, Britain has had an attitude of Panglossian optimism: opinion is moving our way on a decentralised, enlarged and free-trade Europe, so everything will turn out for the best in the best of all possible worlds. The official line has been that no one wants further constitutional upheavals so soon after the agonies of Maastricht. So the inter-governmental conference in 1996 may just be a low-key affair concerned with the results of enlargement.

This always looked unrealistic, as last week's proposals have shown. The CDU/CSU document argues that further integration must continue and not be limited to intergovernmental co-operation, "Europe-à-la carte", as many Tory MPs would like. "It is essential that no country should be allowed to use its right of veto to block the efforts of other countries more able and willing to intensify their co-operation and deepen integration". A multi-speed approach should therefore be included in a revised treaty.

The implications are uncomfortable for Britain. "To propose the formation of a hard core in Europe and the further intensification of Franco-German co-operation does not, however, imply the abandoning of hopes that Britain will assume its role 'in the heart of Europe' and thus in its core. Rather, these proposals are born of the conviction that determined efforts to spur on the further development of Europe are the best means of exerting a positive influence on the clarification of Britain's relationship to Europe and on its willingness to participate in further steps towards integration".

It is not, of course, a matter of Britain versus the rest. Italy and Spain are as concerned with the implications of a fast lane versus slow lane Europe. One of the key purposes of the Franco-German proposals is not to exclude Britain but to bind themselves more closely in face of growing strains between the two over free trade, state intervention in industry, the powers of the European Parliament and enlargement.

John Major has been arguing in recent months for a more flexible framework in which members come together in different groups on different issues — some on monetary matters or immigration, others on completing the single market or developing a common foreign policy. He will reaffirm this approach in his speech tomorrow in The Netherlands. The key issue is whether multi-track inevitably means an inner and outer core. There is a real distinction between the European Union having common objectives, to which countries advance at varying speeds, and the union encompassing different aims, which some have and others do not. The latter, British, approach would stress the single market as the core goal.

But the latest French and German proposals instead envisage an inner group of five or six countries pressing ahead towards a core goal of closer integration, leaving other countries on the geographical periphery to catch up, as they can, in the case of the Mediterranean countries, or if they wish to do so, in the case of Britain.

The Tory Euro-scepetics are divided. Some fear Franco-German domination, others welcome the possible formalisation of a more flexible structure and a more detached role for Britain. However Mr Major glosses the official response, the prospect of a multi-speed Europe is the nightmare of the pro-Europeans. The deep Tory divisions over Europe could easily come to the fore again.

PETER RIDDELL

German plan for two-tier Europe angers partners

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

A GERMAN plan to speed up European integration has sparked controversy within the Bonn government and dismay among some of Germany's partners.

The blueprint, produced by Christian Democrat politicians, calls for a "hard core" of fast-moving European states — Germany, France and the Benelux countries — leaving others, including Britain, to pursue European goals at a slower pace.

However, most European Union states already face proceedings for failing to meet the Maastricht treaty's criteria for closer monetary union. It is the first time that the so-called excessive deficit procedure is to be invoked, a mechanism designed to prepare the EU for monetary union later in the decade. The European Monetary Committee is today expected to recommend sending letters of reprimand to all EU countries except Ireland and Luxembourg.

John Major is under pressure from Conservative backbenchers to speak out against any attempt to relegate Britain. He will deliver a key European speech in The Netherlands tomorrow which may express his doubts about the paper. The 14-page paper, which was drawn up mainly by Karl Lamers, the Christian Democrat foreign policy spokesman, has received the enthusiastic support of the powerful CDU floor leader, Wolfgang Schäuble. Since Herr Schäuble is close to Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor — some even regard him as the political heir apparent — it was assumed that the paper reflected official thinking.

The cries of outrage suggest otherwise. Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, was adamant: "It makes an already difficult process even harder if concepts such as variable geometry or multiple speeds are brought into play." Hans-Dietrich Genscher, a fellow Free Democrat, issued a warning: "The mirage of a European nucleus might soon turn sour and create a nuclear fission within the community."

In Herr Schäuble's own party, the criticism has been scarcely less devastating. One CDU presidium member said the paper could turn out to be a "time bomb" that would explode the process of European integration.

Italy has reacted against the idea of being classed with the sceptical British and Danes. "If the ideas expressed in the CDU's proposal were put into practice we would evidently risk a break-up of Europe which is completely unacceptable," the Italian Foreign Ministry said. Denmark too is upset.

Herr Kinkel, as Foreign Minister, is at odds with Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, who supports the paper as the only sensible approach to monetary and political union. The Foreign Ministry is determined to make extension eastwards a central theme of the German presidency. But the CDU document, and Herr Lamers seem lukewarm about a co-ordinated entry of Czechs, Slovaks, Poles, Hungarians and Slovenes.

The threatened reprimands over excessive deficits have already led to an argument in the Commission between those who want strict compliance with the rules and those in favour of flexible interpretation.

Sir Leon Brittan and the two German commissioners, Martin Bangemann and Peter Schmidhuber, voted against the exclusion of Ireland, arguing that Ireland's debt at 90 per cent of gross domestic output vastly exceeds the treaty's reference value of 60 per cent. Their line of argument, which lost in the commission, also has the support of the German government and the Bundesbank, where the idea of Ireland's premier-league status is causing unease.

Britain, Germany, France and most of the others have missed the budget deficit criteria, largely because of the economic climate. It is widely expected that the number of countries fulfilling the various criteria will grow as the European economy recovers.



Eyes right: the Ukrainian military university's 30 new female students go on parade after taking the oath for the course in Kharkov yesterday

Border troops on alert as Chechen war intensifies

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN troops on the borders of Chechenia were put on full alert yesterday as civil war in the breakaway region gathered pace. The alert came as forces loyal to President Dudayev attacked and captured an opposition stronghold in a battle which reportedly caused heavy casualties.

Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, announced that Russian forces had been put on alert to stop the Chechen conflict spilling over the border. He said that strict controls will be placed on travel into and out of Chechenia. President Dudayev's supporters have threatened a campaign of terrorism in Russia and against Russian targets in the West if Moscow takes steps to overthrow the government of the region.

The Dudayev regime has accused Russia of preparing to intervene militarily in Chechenia, and has arrested a Russian intelligence colonel on a mission inside the region. Moscow, for its part, has made no secret of its political and financial support for the opposition Provisional Council. It is thought likely that Russian backing also includes arms supplies.

A Dudayev victory would mean a political defeat for Moscow, which for three years has watched the President defy the authority of the Kremlin, insist on Chechen independence, and try to stir up other north Caucasian peoples to revolt against Russian rule. President Dudayev's seizure of Argun, about nine miles east of the capital Grozny, reveals the superiority of his forces, despite Moscow's support for the opposition.

☐ **Bishkek:** The government of Kirghizia resigned yesterday after 168 legislators accused their leaders of "intrigues" and forced a suspension of Parliament. The resignation signals the second government overhaul in less than a year. *(Reuter)*

Carlos faces judge

Paris: Carlos the Jackal was formally questioned for the first time yesterday since his capture in Sudan (Charles Bremner writes). His lawyers said he intended to do nothing to make the job easier for the examining judge.

Ilich Ramírez Sánchez was brought under heavy guard to the chambers of Jean-Louis Bruguière, the examining judge for terrorism, at the start of what is expected to be months of interrogation about a series of bombings and shootings in France in the 1970s and 1980s. Yesterday's session was devoted to a car bomb outside an Arab newspaper office in April 1982.

Cresson goes to Brussels

Paris: Edith Cresson, 60, who lost her job as French prime minister in 1992, is to return to the public scene as a member of the European Commission. She was nominated along with Yves-Thibault de Silguy, an adviser to Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, to replace Jacques Delors and Christiane Scrivener.

Mitsotakis charge urged

Athens: An investigating committee here has asked parliament to bring criminal charges against Constantine Mitsotakis, the former prime minister, over allegations that he accepted £14.5 million in bribes in the 1992 sale of a state cement firm. *(Reuter)*

Envoy named

Moscow: Anatoli Adamishin, the first deputy foreign minister, is to be the new Russian ambassador to London. He is expected to take up his post by the end of the month.

£17m lottery

Berlin: Germany's record lottery jackpot remained uncracked for the tenth week, rising to 42 million marks (£17.5 million) for the next draw on Saturday. *(Reuter)*

UN fears for Pope's life at open-air Mass in Sarajevo

BY JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A UNITED Nations official gave a warning yesterday that the Pope's life could be in danger if he made his planned visit to Sarajevo on Thursday.

"The Pope's life will be at risk and the lives of those around him will be at risk as well," said the official, who asked not to be named.

The Vatican said yesterday that it was still awaiting guarantees for the safety of people coming out to welcome the Pope, and attend the Mass he is due to celebrate, before finally confirming the visit.

There have been veiled threats to the Pope's safety from Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader. The Orthodox Christian Serbs see the pontiff as part of an international conspiracy accused of tearing the former Yugoslavia to pieces and precipitating the wars in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Bosnian Serb leaders, unhappy with the planned visit to Sarajevo, have said they are concerned that the mainly Muslim government forces could attack the Pope and blame them. As the pontiff made preparations to travel to Croatia and Bosnia, the Bosnian Serbs continued their renewed campaign of "ethnic cleansing".

While UN troops take up positions around the open-air stadium where the Mass is due to be celebrated, and clean the area of rubbish and the debris of war, the remaining thousands of Muslims in Serb-held Bosnia are being driven from their homes.

In the first few days of this month, rebel Serb authorities have systematically robbed and expelled nearly 3,000 Muslims, most of them elderly, women and children. Victims are usually charged a fee by the organisers before they are banished from their homes, robbed, and sent across front lines. "We can do nothing," laments a senior UN officer disgusted with the practice. "Pregnant women only have to pay 20 (£7.75) Deutschmarks, instead of 200. That's humanitarian."

Mustafa Ceric, the head of Bosnia's Islamic community, said that what had happened in Bosnia "is against all religions, all morals, all institutions, all order in the world. The Pope must speak to this problem".

Many Sarajevans — of all nationalities — have high expectations of the words of the Pope, a man whom they see as the moral authority of the Christian West. Few here who closely follow the machinations of the outside world, however, believe he will fulfil those expectations.

☐ **Airport bomb:** The UN has accused the mostly-Muslim Bosnian army of firing a mortar round that landed on Sarajevo airport last month, forcing the suspension of the humanitarian airlift.

It said yesterday that the mortar shell had come from positions held by the government forces south of the airport. The round, fired on August 18, landed on the runway and prompted a four-day break in the food lifeline.

The UN had already accused the Serbs of several attacks on the airport, but yesterday was the first time in recent months that Muslim forces have been accused.

Berlin spymaster goes on trial

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

LOOKING wan and wrinkled, Erich Mielke, the head of East Germany's secret police and spy service, yesterday faced trial on charges of helping to kill would-be defectors on the Berlin Wall and the East-West death strip.

The hearing was adjourned after 25 minutes because defence lawyers claimed that the judge was biased. Herr Mielke, once one of the most feared men in East Germany, is now an 86-year-old pensioner shuffling between prison, the prison hospital and the courtroom. As he was led out of the Berlin court he offered a weak smile — his defence lawyer's tactics of delay seemed to have won the day.

The trial is part of the final German reckoning with the communist past. Three other members of the East Germany Defence Council have been given sentences ranging between and 4½ and 7½ years in jail, to be served out at home. A fourth, Erich Honecker, the communist party chief, was excluded for health reasons and died this year in exile in Chile.

Mielke has already been sentenced to six years in jail for the murder in 1931 of two policemen.



Erich Mielke, right, speaking to his lawyer before the start of his trial for manslaughter in Berlin yesterday

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Bhutto leads denunciation of 'charter for adultery' as Vatican rejects moves on abortion

Clash of cultures mars formal start of Cairo meeting

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN CAIRO

THE official start of the United Nations population conference in Cairo yesterday was marked by clashes of culture and deep-seated attitudes.

Benazir Bhutto voiced the objections of several Muslim countries when she spoke of the "serious flaws" in the draft declarations on abortion and family planning. The Prime Minister of Pakistan said the conference must not be viewed as a universal charter that imposed adultery, abortion and sex education on cultures opposing such policies.

Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Norwegian Prime Minister and opening speaker, whose early commitment to the conference and to improving women's rights and education won her applause, took an early lead in affirming a liberal view, especially on abortion.

She said religion was sometimes an obstacle to providing a family planning service, especially when this became a moral issue. Morality should not, however, only be a question of controlling sexuality and protecting unborn life; it was also a question of giving individuals choice and suppressing coercion.

President Mubarak of Egypt, hosting the third and most ambitious such conference, urged the 20,000 delegates and lobbyists from 167 countries to seek consensus on the issues still to be settled, calling for give and take between cultures.

Last night, a Vatican spokesman made it clear that the Holy See, fighting hard to change draft texts on abortion and family planning, did not believe that a change in language was enough to satisfy its objections.

The Vatican said its 16-strong delegation, including five women, had attended to get a document based on consensus. But Joaquín Navarro-Valls, the official spokesman, said he did not like talk of compromise. "That implies lobbying, and a conference is about an exchange of views."

Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General, said the conference could generate a huge impetus for a course that had the backing of the peoples of the world, but gave a warning that without political will the meeting would lead to greater division and estrangement.

The UN leader called for rigour, tolerance and conscience by the negotiators, and said that with the world population growing by 90 million a year, indifference and inaction were crimes.

In a direct challenge to the Vatican, Mrs Brundtland said: "I have tried, in vain, to understand how the term 'reproductive healthcare' can possibly be read as promoting abortions or qualifying abortion as a means of family planning." Rarely had so many misrepresentations been used to imply meaning that was never there.

Al Gore, the US Vice-President, firmly restated the Clinton Administration's commitment to the constitutional guarantee that every woman in America had a right to choose an abortion, subject to specific exceptions.

"But let us take a false issue off the table: the United States does not seek to establish a new international right to abortion, and we do not believe that abortion should be encouraged as a method of family planning," Mr Gore told delegates.

Miss Bhutto, while insisting that abortion was incompatible with Islam and that reproductive health must be considered within the moral framework of a traditional family sanctified by marriage, also spoke out against Islamic fundamentalists, whose opposition had almost prompted cancellation of her visit. "A narrow-minded minority should not be allowed to dictate an agenda of backwardness," she said.

☐ **Dhaka:** A thousand conservative Muslims took to the streets here as the population conference got under way in Cairo. About 300 Islamic fundamentalists, mainly women, marched in Karachi, Pakistan, and in Khartoum, the Sudanese capital, hundreds of demonstrators handed a note to the UN office protesting against the Cairo conference. *(Reuter, AP)*



Miss Bhutto addressing the conference yesterday



Delegates at the meeting of non-governmental organisations discussing advancement of Arab and African women before the main session

Emancipated women take centre stage in Egypt

CONFERENCE SKETCH

There is an uncanny feeling at the Cairo conference that a giant wedding is in progress. The huge concrete sports complex is hung inside with fetching tents and quilts like a marquee; waiters bustle about offering snacks and soft drinks and uniformed ushers, decorated with permanent helpful smiles, offer conflicting advice and directions. The processional march from *Aida* repeatedly tinkles through the crowded corridors from catchy computer displays of Cairo's tourist treasures — an infuriatingly efficient gadget in a technological desert where international computer connections cannot be found for love or baksheesh.

But, although there is plenty of talk of young brides, sex, families and babies, this is no traditional congress. Rarely have so many emancipated women from all parts of the globe gathered to discuss such evils as child marriage, female circumcision, backstreet abortions and male domination. Rarely has any international gathering seen so many women occupying such a central position.

Three women played leading roles on the opening day, among them Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Norwegian Prime Minister, who was loudly applauded for her combative liberal stance. The second leading lady was Benazir Bhutto, the Pakistani Prime Minister, who said she stood on the podium "as a woman, as a mother and as a wife" and then presented a nightmare vision of a Pakistan teeming with 243 million people in 30 years' time if the battle for women's empowerment is not won. The third woman was Nafis Sadik, a physician and fellow Pakistani who, as secretary-general of the conference, has battled against traditional thinking through three preparatory meetings, clause by controversial clause.

The real work, however, is being done 500 yards away in a domed stadium reserved for the 4,000 non-governmental organisations attending. They range from the wacky and the worrisome to the international and influential, promoting all causes remotely connected with population and health: contraception, breast-feeding, encyclopaedias, feminism; even the "Association of Garbage Collectors for Community Development" has arranged representation.

Egypt is intensely aware that all eyes will be on the country for a week and is especially spruce for the occasion. Nor has any effort been spared to make people welcome. Even taxi-drivers have substituted for their more aggressive haggling a polite "pay what you like, sir". But, of course, not everything works, and even the United Nations, whose conference it is, advised delegates to bring half a gallon of water, a lot of patience and a good book to while away the four-hour wait in the queue for accreditation. As one Egyptian said, "The West's strength is organisation; ours is improvisation."

Tempers have remained remarkably cool on the first days, perhaps because of the fearsome airconditioning, which makes an escape into the Cairo heat almost welcome. But things promise to get fairly rough in the negotiating corridors fairly soon. Egyptians will need all their famed humour and fatalism to see it through. They are confident that they will.

MICHAEL BINYON

Sihanouk complicates hostage talks

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN PHNOM PENH

KING Sihanouk of Cambodia threw negotiations for the release of three Western hostages further into disarray yesterday by suggesting that the Khmer Rouge be legalised.

In a letter to the King last week, Khieu Samphan, president of the Khmer Rouge, set a repeal of the law banning the organisation and the reopening of its offices in Phnom Penh as a new condition for the release of the hostages. In response, King Sihanouk wrote to the government asking it seriously to consider the request, adding that such a move could resolve the present hostage problem as well as improve the general security of foreigners in the country "in everybody's interest".

This raises the stakes significantly for the guerrilla organisation. The National Assembly, in one of its rare decisions since being established a year ago, banned the Khmer Rouge in June. King Sihanouk opposed the decision and has recently been pressing again his idea of forming a government of national unity in which the guerrillas would have a role.

His latest intervention, from his sickbed in Peking, where he is being treated for prostate cancer, could seriously complicate negotiations, which have been on the point of success several times in recent weeks. Western diplomats, earlier banned by the government from southern Kampot province, where the hostages are being held, were escorted back to the area yesterday in an armed convoy. The government had ordered them out for supposedly getting in the way of negotiations.

The law banning the Khmer Rouge was aimed principally at embarrassing Thailand into forcing the guerrillas to leave its territory. Cambodia said all countries would be obliged under international law to arrest Khmer Rouge members and to seize any assets tah could be traced. Thailand has promised to comply, but in practice it is in no position to control the powerful businessmen and senior military officers who exchange gems and timber with the Khmer Rouge.

☐ **Suspect escapes:** Sin Song, a former Cambodian Interior Minister, who was arrested immediately after the July 3 coup attempt on suspicion of being one of the ringleaders, has escaped from prison. *(AP)*

Flying start for tourists in China

FROM AFP IN PEKING

BRUSHING aside its appalling air safety record, China is seeking to boost tourism by offering cockpit rides to overseas travellers — allowing some to take the controls on commercial flights. "Aeroplane rides are set to explode on the tourist scene," the *China Daily* said — a rather unfortunate choice of words given that the International Airline Passengers Association in December said China's domestic airlines were the most dangerous in the world.

According to the newspaper, a "tourist flying base" is to be set up next year in Datong, in the northern province of Shanxi, where tourists will be allowed to accompany the pilot in the cockpit during short flights.

Tourists with a pilot's licence will even be allowed to take the controls of certain planes, such as the Ilyushin-18. It was an Ilyushin-18 that crashed in Guangzhou in 1982, killing 23 people.

The China Air Travel group, will be set up by the end of the year to tap into "the promising but very competitive" aviation tourism market.

West Bank and Gaza pupils to learn new lesson in history

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

MORE than 400,000 Palestinian schoolchildren are revelling in the symbolism of Palestinian control over Arab schools in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

As the new academic year began on Saturday, Palestinian flags were raised over thousands of schools in areas still under Israeli military rule. New daily school rituals were introduced by the Palestine Liberation Organisation, striving to impose its identity on what remains a largely Jordanian curriculum.

To mark the takeover by the Palestinian authorities, the school morning starts with the singing of the Palestinian national anthem, *Biladi Biladi (My Country, My Country)*. In a further move to throw off the shackles of 27 years of Israeli military domination, Elias Freij, the Palestinian Mayor of Bethlehem, invited foreign governments to contribute to independent Christmas celebrations that will take place there this year after the handover of West Bank tourism to Palestinian control.

According to Yassir Amru, the Education Minister in the PLO-selected Palestinian National Authority, initial changes will involve the addition of new texts on the emotive question of Palestinian history. The black, red, green and white colours of the Palestinian flag will be represented on school uniforms.

Under the agreement to extend autonomy beyond Jericho and the Gaza Strip, the Israeli military authorities are permitted to intervene only if the schools teach hostility to Israel, or if pupils take part in disturbances outside the school grounds.

One Arab school principal, Suleiman Nur, head of the private Hope school in the Palestinian town of Beit Jala, said: "Jordanian textbooks tend to ignore the part of Palestine which became Israel. History must tell us where the Palestinians came from."

☐ **Terror group:** Senior Israeli police and security officers claim to have uncovered a new extreme rightwing Jewish group dedicated to attacking Palestinians and undermining the peace accord. The discovery comes as the government has issued a warning about terrorist attacks on Israelis celebrating the Jewish new year, which starts today.

Thais arrest Briton for robbery spree

Bangkok: Thai police have arrested a British confidence trickster who drugged and robbed unsuspecting tourists, many of them fellow Britons, for several years.

David Casey, 44, from Cleethorpes, Humberside, was arrested in Bangkok's red-light district of Patpong on Saturday, Colonel Pornpat Suyanan, of the Thai tourist police, told a news conference, which Mr Casey attended.

Mr Casey, a carpenter, who said he would plead guilty to a robbery charge, said he had been stealing from people for the past six years, although he had returned to Britain occasionally during that time. He was arrested after his latest victim, an Australian robbed last week, was able to identify him.

Mr Casey found his victims by placing job offers in Bangkok newspapers. During bogus interviews at hotels, he slipped applicants a sleeping pill and robbed them of valuables such as cameras and computers while they slept. *(Reuter)*



Mr Casey at the police conference yesterday when he admitted stealing from tourists for the past six years

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Peking's athletic campaign for respect runs into trouble

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINA'S search for international respectability is never more active than in international sport, but controversy is rarely far away.

The 6th Far Eastern and South Pacific Disabled Games opened on Sunday with 2,000 athletes from 42 countries ready to compete in 14 events in facilities constructed in 1990 for the Asian Games. Those games were designed to bring China out of the isolation caused by the Tiananmen Square massacre the previous year, but failed to win for Peking the honour of staging the 2000 Olympics.

The discus event takes place today but without Fang Zheng, one of China's top disabled athletes. Fang lost his legs under a tank at Tiananmen as he dragged a friend from its treads.

It is reported that Deng Xiaoping's son, Deng Pufang, the chairman of the Chinese Disabled Persons Federation who is confined to a wheelchair after Red Guards threw him out of a window during the Cultural Revolution, arranged that Fang could compete if he promised not to speak to reporters. But Peking officials seem to have changed their minds about the Tiananmen victim's participation. He arrived in Peking in June from Hainan Island to start training but on July 19 he was told the discus event had been cancelled and was sent home.

China is involved in another sporting row after threatening to withdraw from next month's Asian Games in Hiroshima because President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan has been invited. China does not recognise Taiwan's independence.

Japanese officials say the Olympic council must settle the issue and China's Olympic Committee president said: "Whoever caused the problem should clear it up." Taiwan's Cabinet has urged the President to go.

Daniel Johnson on how the writer tipped to win the Booker escaped a literary ghetto to cock a snook at conventional morality

Is this book too shocking to win?

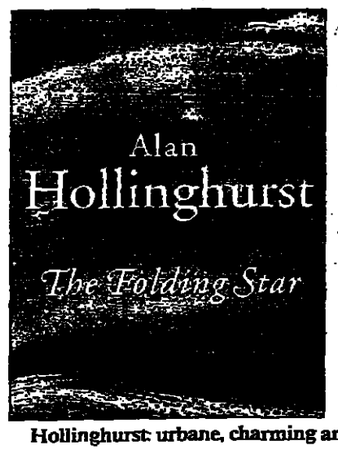
Homosexuality has come of age in the English novel. The love that once dared not speak its name only became accepted as fit for the literary public within living memory. Thomas Mann wrote *Death in Venice* in 1911 and E.M. Forster wrote (but did not publish) *Maurice* in 1913; both works seem pretty tame beside Alan Hollinghurst's novel *The Folding Star*. I shall be mildly surprised if this year's Booker Prize does not go to Hollinghurst. How did it come about that the favourite for Britain's grandest literary prize is the novel which, of all those considered, most outrageously cocks a snook, as it were, at Judaeo-Christian morality?

Quite simply, the author of *The Folding Star* is the most uncompromisingly *literary* gay writer around. He served his apprenticeship at Magdalen College, Oxford (where the new Professor of Poetry James Fenton has just returned to join John Fuller, well-known for nurturing young writers) and at the *Times Literary Supplement* under Jeremy Treglown and Ferdinand Mount. Urbane, but without small talk, charming but conscious of his own intellectual superiority, he tends to leave those who meet him for the first time, particularly women, with the impression that he lives for his art alone — which no reader of his novels could believe for a moment.

Hollinghurst's first novel, *The Swimming Pool Library*, was praised to the skies, but many readers thought it an unusually clever and elegant example of a banal sub-genre: "gay fiction" is all too often a euphemism for pornography. Reactions to *The Folding Star* indicated a subtle shift: Hollinghurst had been accepted unambiguously into the metropolitan literary pantheon.

In particular, *The Folding Star* received extravagant praise from *The Guardian*'s chief literary critic James Wood, the Booker judge who provided the occasion for this year's phoney war by failing to mention that he was married to Claire Messud, one of the authors who just missed the shortlist. His review (three months after publication, presumably when Wood had found time to read it) spoke of "the passionate reticence, the forceful hesitation of true art". Whatever his double *contradictio in adjecto* may mean, this judge clearly liked the book.

The Folding Star follows the interior life of a tutor who falls in love with his pupil, and is set in the seedy streets of a small town in Flanders. It is uncompromisingly downbeat, postwar and post-Aids. Stella Tillyard in *The Times* compared Manners to the "lost souls in Dante's third region of the ninth circle of Hell, that frozen, soundless home of the corrupters of love".





Hollinghurst: urbane, charming and conscious of his own superiority

So this is no "celebration" of homosexuality, no manifesto, no attempt to prettify the unlovely underworld about which *The Swimming Pool Library*, set in 1983, was so frank. Its loveliness resides in its prose, not in its content. This is a grown-up novel about some fairly unsavoury people. Indeed, Nicholas de Jongh attacked it for presenting homosexuals so unattractively: "... at the heart of the novel with its chilly, elusive core is a strange sense of homosexuals, whether today or in the earlier 20th century, as men in whom conscience or morality looms small".

Hollinghurst has not, of course, won the Booker yet. To do so, he will have to overcome the resistance of the jury's splendidly elitist chairman, John Bayley. He gave a rather rash interview last week in which he chastised most of the authors his committee had read for being "pretentious", yet also for their pusillanimous unwillingness to experiment. Victoria Glendinning, his predecessor two years ago, quickly denounced him as an old fogey, and demanded that nobody over 60 should become a Booker judge.

Which leaves the remaining five shortlisted novels. James Kelman's *How Late It Was, How Late* may be the most likely choice after Hollinghurst, if only because Kelman is the best-known. "Kafka on the Clyde," commented Gill Hornby in *The Times*. His blind hero Sammy blunders around a nightmarish but also comical scenario. Gritty Glaswegians are fashionable at the moment, but Kelman has yet to acquire a large following among sassenachs.

The same applies to George Mackay Brown, the oldest name on the list, whose timeless island tale drew gasps of admiration from Professor Philip Hobsbaum in this newspaper: "Through the dizzying contrasts of this book, from modern Orkney to Viking voyage and back again, the lyric cadence becons us on. These chapters seem to be chippings from the master's workshop. But what a workshop! And what a master!"

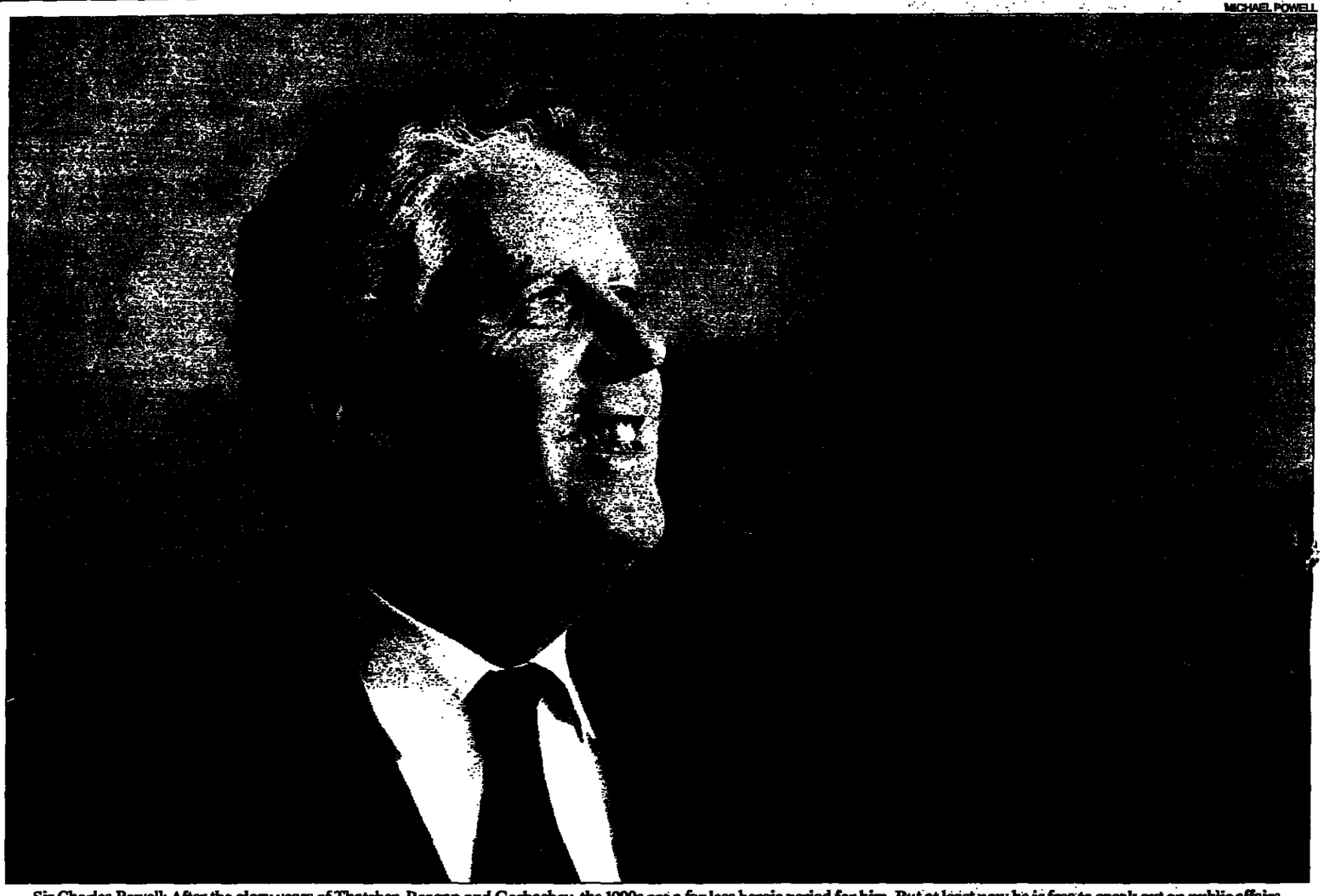
More popular south of the border might be a first novel, *Reef* by Romesh Gunesekera. Of this lyrical love story by a talented young Sri Lankan, David Park raved in *The Times*: "This whole novel is a sensuous feast of delight, incessantly pleasurable to read..." Gunesekara comes from the superb *Granta* stable, and his Commonwealth background makes him prime Booker material.

Abdulrazak Gurnah's Paradise, set in East Africa, and Jill Paton Walsh's *Knowledge of Angels* provide unusually strong outsiders. My guess is that Hollinghurst will not shock Bayley and he certainly won't upset Rabbi Julia Neuberger. James Wood has already put his cards on the table, which leaves only Alastair Niven of the Arts Council and the writer Alan Taylor. An alliance of Bayley, Neuberger and Wood for Hollinghurst would be unstoppable.

Secret rebel in a sober suit

Julia Llewellyn Smith talks to Mrs Thatcher's former policy adviser, who left No 10 to join the real world

MICHAEL POWELL



Sir Charles Powell: After the glory years of Thatcher, Reagan and Gorbachev, the 1990s are a far less heroic period for him. But at least now he is free to speak out on public affairs

In his previous existence Sir Charles Powell aimed to be heard but not seen. To the public he was one of the sober-suited men in the background of photographs, who followed Lady Thatcher up the steps of jets and whispered in plummy tones in her ear as she pounded the summit circuit.

He looked like an upmarket bodyguard and even if we learnt that Mr Powell — the knighthood came after Lady Thatcher's demise — was policy advisor to the Prime Minister, it gave little idea of his importance.

> Whitehall's cradle to the grave security is hard to leave

In Whitehall, however, few people doubted Sir Charles's influence. Previous incumbents seconded to Number 10 by the Foreign Office personnel department had stayed for two years; he remained for six, as devoted to his boss as she was to him.

He and his Italian wife, the feisty Carla, became close friends of the Thatchers. Once ("A long time ago," he says grinning), Sir Charles returned and chivvied his wife to get off the telephone, saying he had to speak to the Prime Minister. "Oh do be quiet," she replied. "I'm already talking to her."

The Prime Minister was happy, but the mandarins were not. They preferred compromise and euphemism; Lady Thatcher liked blunt provocation and Sir Charles did little to temper this, drafting her keynote Bruges Speech of 1988, with its sweeping attack on a federalist Europe. The Foreign Office was horrified at this defection from the ranks, from then on describing their former colleague as the deputy Prime Minister.

Inevitably, when Lady Thatcher left, Sir Charles did too, staying on just long enough to ensure Mr Major's smooth transition into the simmering Gulf War.

The question now was where would he go next? His job, he admits cheerfully, was "the best you could possibly have in government service. There was little point in staying on for anything else." So Sir Charles abandoned ship, leaping from the public sector into the private as a director of Jardine Matheson, the Hong-Kong based trading company. It was, he says, the second rebellious act of his life. The first was going to Oxford (New College), when the rest of his family were Cambridge.

"It's pretty rare to leave the Civil Service at 48," says Sir Charles, now 53. "It offers this cradle-to-the-grave system and you have no idea if you will cope outside. But I have enjoyed every second of it."

We are sitting at a table the size of a swimming-pool in the Matheson boardroom, surrounded by oriental objets and paintings of old Hong Kong. This is where Sir Charles spends much of his time now, when he is not in Paris where he is on the board of Christian Dior or chairing NatWest bank's new international advisory board. Lady Powell, who often complains that he only makes her dinner parties in time for coffee, can feel little better now.

He talks briskly about his new position, but real enthusiasm is reserved for the glory years when history in the hands of his heros — Thatcher, Reagan and Gorbachev — was being made.

The 1990s he sees as a "lesser period", which makes his absence from centre stage more bearable. And at least now he is free from civil-servant purdah, to speak freely on public affairs and to describe what he saw, something he plainly relishes. Thanks to Mrs T, he says, he knows exactly how to perform when a microphone is thrust under his nose.

Next week will be the test, when Sir Charles's graduates from guest appearances to presenting his own radio programme *Entente Cordiale*, a four-part series that examines Anglo-French relations. "It has been great fun making it," he says, clasping his hands magisterially. "It was an excuse to see a lot of the people I know, such as Jacques Attali who was my opposite number in France and Jimmy Goldsmith." And Mrs T? "And Mrs T."

> He stayed for six years, as devoted to his boss as she to him

The programme reaches a satisfying conclusion for a Euro sceptic: the new, powerful Germany will end any French dreams of a federalist Europe. "Europe won't be able to work like that. It will be managed by a concert of powers of Britain, France and Germany. Running Europe will become a question of management as it expands to include Scandinavia and Eastern Europe. The ideology will wither away." He sits back happily and crosses his arms.

Sir Charles's predictions are all very well, but what we really want are his memoirs. Publishers have been jostling unsuccessfully for months to sign him up. "For the last time, I am *not* going to write them," he says. "It's a priggish view but I was employed as a private adviser and I don't think it's right to exploit that position. It's different for politicians. Their job is not a career — it's public service. Of course there are temptations. I wouldn't say absolutely never but it's not in sight."

It is a strange attitude, given his almost blatant flouting of the public-servant brief, when he was on the job. On this charge he is "absolutely unrepentant. At Number 10 you have such a small staff, the Prime Minister has got to feel that they are on his or her side. You have to cut departmental ties. Your loyalty has to be to the Prime Minister.

"Because it is so small you have to live by your wits. There's bound to be a different atmosphere from the ministry. You have to take some things on your own shoulders, you've got to turn things away, to let a Prime Minister free from the detail." This streamlined approach was highlighted during the Scott inquiry, when Sir Charles was pointed out as one of those who kept Mrs Thatcher in the dark about changing policy towards Iraq. "At the outset, the inquiry accepted that she knew everything about everything. In general it was good to cultivate that view, but not in this case," he says without regrets.

He admits, however, that he and his "terrible twin", the press secretary Bernard Ingham, were breaching their boundaries. "If you have a long-standing Prime Minister — I'm thinking as I talk — the honest answer is that it does increase the tendency towards a presidential style of government. I don't think it distorted our constitutional practice but it alters the function of government."

● *The first part of Entente Cordiale will be broadcast on Radio 4 on Thurday at 8pm.*

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Reinventing the 11-plus

How to help children who slip through the literacy net



MARGOT NORMAN

The only thing I want to know about the new 11-plus tests announced yesterday by Gillian Shephard is this: will it bring British literacy rates up to those of Kerala? The idea that the British education system might have so far crumbled as to compare adversely in respect of literacy with literacy in one of the poorest south Indian states would have seemed quite loony in the days of the Raj. But there we are, things change. And so, on behalf of the teenage illiterates I kept running across in Devon, I put my question.

The first one was a charming boy, very chatty and full of youthful curiosity. In fact, he drove his family mad with all his questions. He was keen on wildlife, we were on an exceedingly rough crossing to Lundy Island, and he was telling me about all the puffins he hoped to see. He had, it turned out, some rather odd ideas about puffins. As his questions were beginning to drive me mad too, I passed him a jolly little book containing everything the keen young naturalist could ever wish to know about puffins and hoped for some peace.

I didn't get it. He looked eagerly at the pictures and started asking questions about them. The text was simple but it quickly became clear that he could read no better than you and I would expect of a child at the end of the first year of primary school. No wonder he was still bombarding adults with questions like a six-year-old. Yet he was not daft, and the teachers at his comprehensive were apparently treating him like a normal 14-year-old pupil who needed and was given no special help.

I came across the next one, aged 15, struggling with a sociology text book in a park. He couldn't even read the title page properly. The idea that some teacher was trying to get this boy through GCSE sociology without first teaching him to read would have been comical if it hadn't been tragic.

So it went on, and I counted three more illiterate teenagers without even looking. Devon is not, so far as I know, a particular den of illiteracy. It has none of those inner-city excuses we keep hearing about. Nor, supposedly, does the futuristic conurbation of Milton Keynes, where a few years ago I saw a middle school putting its illiterate eight-year-old entrantees through an intensive reading programme because the feeder first school had spent three years neglecting to teach this indispensable skill.

The 7-plus tests ought in theory, for all their teething problems, to have put things right by now in that Milton Keynes first shcool. The 11-plus tests which we must all try to remember to call key stage II should by rights play belt to the key stage I braces when they come on stream next year. Mrs Shephard yesterday announced some shrewd practical adjustment to the arrangements, which ought to dispose of the teacher's legitimate complaints about the way these tests are conducted. Those at 11 and 14 will be externally marked, at no cost to the school in either time or cash and the teachers will in future be able to do their own parallel assessment however they think best: they will no longer have to waste time ticking boxes on pointless standardised forms for a mandatory bureaucratic assessment of *their* assessment.

So there should be no boycott by teachers to impede the forward march of national testing.

But will it work by my basic, no-frills and *sine qua non* criterion? Will it now be impossible for the seven-year-old who have learnt nothing to proceed without getting remedial help and, if that hasn't done the trick, to proceed illiterate from primary to secondary school?

Alas it won't, as Professor Alan Smithers of Manchester University's centre for education and employment research has realised. Professor Smithers wants to see a threshold which every primary school child must clear before going on to secondary school. If that means holding the child back a year, an idea which continental educators take in their stride, or providing intensive tuition through the summer holidays, then so be it. The test arrangements provide an over-sophisticated ten-point assessment scale based on all those painful lists of abstract nouns that the national curriculum calls criteria, but they don't provide that vital threshold. If they did, logic would dictate that anyone not measuring up should automatically be entitled to some sort of remedial help.

That's the logic that teachers should pursue, now that (one hopes) they will feel able to stop agitating about the administration of these tests. Secondary school teachers, who have everything to gain from 100 per cent literate intake, should agitate instead for this new kind of 11-plus which requires as a logically concomitant a ring-sense pot of gold for remedial teaching.

At present, neither central nor local government maintains such a pot of gold.

What there is keeps being raided for other purposes. Central government's reading-recovery programme for six-year-olds does a bit, and some local authorities have made it their business to do a bit more, but there is no clear guarantee of assistance for children who have slipped through the net. There should be.

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An American breakthrough is to be tested in Britain from next month

New breast cancer hope

Bone marrow transplants could hold the key to prolonging life for patients, says Dr Abi Berger



Raphael's Eve: women in America are receiving very high doses of chemotherapy followed by transplants to "rescue" damaged bone marrow

Two British clinical trials are due to start in October which have been designed to test a promising new approach in the treatment of breast cancer. Up to now, women who have advanced breast cancer — cancer which has spread to lymph nodes, but not yet metastasised to bone or liver — have been offered a "treatment package" which includes surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy. The latter significantly reduces the annual rate of recurrence and death.

The dose and intensity of the chemotherapy has always been limited by the harmful side-effects of such toxic drugs. Apart from hair loss, infertility and severe inflammation of the digestive tract causing nausea and diarrhoea, the most potentially fatal side-effect is the destruction of otherwise healthy bone marrow. This results in vital red and white blood cells and platelets not being produced, leaving the patient anaemic, unable to fight off infections, and with a tendency to bruise and bleed easily.

Recently, some American research institutions have discovered that if very high-dose chemotherapy is used and quickly followed by a bone marrow transplant to "rescue" the damaged bone marrow, then much higher doses of chemotherapy can be given — with exciting results. Women with advanced breast cancer seem to be living longer, and their disease-free survival rate after three or four years appears to be much better than when standard doses of chemotherapy are used.

Dr Bill Peters at Duke University in North Carolina was one of the first to publish the results of a trial which used such a high-dose regime with bone marrow rescue. His study, involving mostly younger women with advanced breast cancer, was reported in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* at the end of last year. His team found that at follow-up three years after such treatment, the "high-dose" group had a 70 per cent disease-free survival rate compared with about 40 per cent in the group of women who had had "standard dose" chemotherapy.

A multi-centre controlled trial comparing high-dose chemotherapy and marrow rescue with standard-dose chemotherapy is now under way in the United States to see if the results of these smaller studies can be confirmed, and the superiority of high-dose chemotherapy with marrow rescue established.

Meanwhile, and even before the results of this trial are available, more bone marrow transplants are being performed in the US for breast cancer than for any other medical condition. Indeed, one family was recently awarded $89 million when its "health maintenance organisation" refused financial authorisation for such a transplant.

There are two types of transplant being performed in these cases. The first are "autologous transplants", where bone marrow is collected from the woman herself before the chemotherapy is administered, and then infused back when she needs it. The second type are known as "peripheral stem cell transplants". These have been developed as a new technique over the last few years and have proved even more successful than autologous transplants.

Here a patient is given a cocktail of drugs and growth factors which "pushes" the primitive stem cells out of the bone marrow and into the normal circulating blood system. These stem cells can be collected from the bloodstream and frozen until they are needed. This method bypasses the need to obtain the bone marrow material from bone itself, and also results in a quicker recovery after transplantation.

According to Dr Mike Potter, consultant in bone marrow transplantation at the United Bristol Healthcare Trust, this stem cell procedure now has a mortality rate of only 2-5 per cent (compared with 10-20 per cent with a conventional bone marrow transplant). He argues that cancer specialists and women with advanced breast disease alike should be actively encouraged to participate in the British trials — and for women whose disease has already spread to other organs (a condition which is basically incurable using traditional therapy), offering high-dose chemotherapy with marrow rescue may well become standard practice in the future.

> 'The US results are too impressive to be ignored'

In Britain, high-dose chemotherapy with bone marrow rescue for breast cancer has been very slow to take off. Most oncologists are very enthusiastic about the results from America, and are keen to get going on the two British trials. Predictably, the delay has been partly to do with money — who will finance the trials (costing at least £15,000 each, they are not cheap) — but also with the more cautious and conservative nature of the British medical profession.

Dr Bob Leonard, a medical oncologist at the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh, is one of the main co-ordinators of the British trials. He is one of a small handful of clinicians who have actually used high-dose chemotherapy on women in this country.

So far he has treated around 30 women with advanced metastatic breast cancer in this way, and is very encouraged by his results. "I believe the survival rate of these women has been extended significantly by using the new approach. In my experience the average disease-free time before relapse is about six months using conventional doses, but is over a year with intensive therapy. My most successful case so far has been one woman who has been without disease for two and a half years, and even those women who have since relapsed generally agree that it was worth a try. The challenge now is to see what happens when this approach is used on women with earlier cancers."

Collectively the two British trials aim to have 12-15 centres participating, and hope to recruit around 1,000 women. The only difference between the trials will be the choice and dose of drugs used for the high-dose "arm" of each trial. As yet the fine-tuning of the optimal regime is not known. The trial which Dr Leonard is setting up will use the protocol adopted by Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

The entrance criteria will be women with a poor prognosis (although not those whose disease has already spread to bone or liver), who have been shown to have the kind of breast tumour that responds to chemotherapy.

Dr Leonard is excited about this new approach to breast cancer. "The results from the US are so impressive that we can't afford to ignore them. I would even suggest that this approach may have curative potential."

When your mouth is too dry to eat

Many doctors miss Sjögren's syndrome but a quick snack of biscuits can be the best clue

DOWNING the beer from a sconce, a huge beer mug, is a penalty for Oxford undergraduates who have offended against college table manners. A less well known dining-hall wager was to eat four Bath Oliver biscuits without recourse to a drink. This challenge has been modified by doctors who have renamed it the "cracker biscuit test"; it is used to detect patients whose mouths are so dry that they need to drink before they can swallow dry food.

A dry mouth may result from a multitude of causes ranging from the therapeutic — for instance anti-depressants, anti-psychotic drugs and diuretics — to fever, diabetes, renal failure or such mundane reasons as snoring, mouth breathing and old age. Sjögren's (pronounced shergrens) syndrome is one of the conditions in which a dry mouth, usually associated with swollen salivary glands and a loss of taste and smell, is a cardinal sign. Sjögren's syndrome is an auto-immune condition named after Henrik Sjögren, a Swedish ophthalmologist, which affects 2 per cent of the population. It is found ten times more often in women than men and becomes more common with advancing age.



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Despite its relatively high frequency, the diagnosis is frequently missed. An account of Sjögren's syndrome in a recent edition of the magazine *GP* highlights the principal signs and symptoms of the syndrome and publicises an appeal from the Kennedy Institute, London, for doctors to refer patients on to it so that it can establish a trial to judge the relative merits of different treatments.

The dryness of Sjögren's syndrome is not confined to the tongue, lips and mouth — which can cause teeth to decay rapidly once saliva, nature's mouthwash, is absent. In particular the eyes suffer too, becoming inflamed and feeling sore and gritty. Other mucus membranes are not usually affected but the nose, larynx and respiratory system can be involved and could result in a painfully dry nose, a hoarse voice and chronic chest infections; it is one of the less common causes of a dry skin suffered by older people. Desiccation of the vulva and vagina, with associated pain on intercourse, frequently prompts female sufferers to seek medical advice, and leads to the diagnosis of the underlying condition.

Patients with Sjögren's syndrome also suffer from general ill-health, many are affected with extreme tiredness and find themselves being misdiagnosed as having ME, and most have joint pains. The relationship between Sjögren's syndrome and arthritis is complex. Fifty per cent of patients with Sjögren's either have, or will later develop, rheumatoid arthritis; but primary Sjögren's also has its own brand of arthritis in which the involved joints suffer less destruction than those afflicted by rheumatoid arthritis and do not become so deformed; the pain in the joints too tends to wax and wane more than in rheumatoid.

Treatment is available. Milder cases need no more than symptomatic relief: tear and saliva substitutes for the eyes and mouth, anti-inflammatory agents for the joint pains, and moisturisers for the skin. More serious cases can be treated with hydroxychloroquine or immunosuppressant drugs.

GP SUGGESTS that those who have dry eyes for more than three months, or who have to use artificial tears more than three times a day, should see their doctors. Likewise those who find it difficult to swallow dry food, particularly if they also have swollen salivary glands, should visit their GPs.

There are several painless tests available, most of which are non-invasive, can easily be carried out and will enable the patient either to be reassured or to be prescribed the appropriate treatment.

● *BSSA (British Sjögren's Syndrome Association) has produced an advisory guide for patients and doctors. For a copy send £1.50 to Madeleine Ford, 20 Kingston Way, Nailsea, Bristol BS19 2RA.*

Out of Alzheimer's, a testament of courage

Struck during middle age by Alzheimer's disease, Diana Friel McGowin has won the struggle to write her story

Garry Kasparov's defeat last week at the hands of a chess computer costing less than £200 provoked widespread soul-searching about the uniqueness of the human mind. If a few silicon chips can surpass one of the human race's intellectual champions, what does it say for the rest of the herd? If it is not brainpower that sets us apart from our fellow-mammals, what is it?

The question can be framed another way. If I begin to lose my mental faculties through dementia, does that mean that my personal identity and my unique qualities as a human being will also fade away? Although this is a commonly held view, it ignores the fact that from around the age of 18, we all show an inexorable decline in raw intelligence, memory and mental speed. Yet despite this significant and irreversible decline in computational power which spares nobody, at 40 I still feel that I am the same unique "I" that I was 20 years ago. The thread of personal identity and continuity is not easily broken.

The mystery and robustness of this filament of personal consciousness is nowhere more clearly set out than in Diana Friel McGowin's book, *Living in the Labyrinth*, about suffering from Alzheimer's disease while still in her forties. Alzheimer's, the most common cause of dementia, is incurable. It results in the degeneration and death of cells throughout the brain, causing an eventual breakdown of the mental functions, underlying memory, language, intellect and personality.



Diana McGowin: writing with feisty humour

It is uncommon for the disease to strike people as young as Mrs McGowin, and early-onset cases where there is a family history — Mrs McGowin realised only after her mother's death that she also probably had suffered from Alzheimer's disease — usually have a strong genetic basis. But whatever the age, the effects of the disease on the person and family are never less than catastrophic.

Mrs McGowin really knew something was wrong when she found one day that she could not find her way to her husband's office, a route as familiar to her as any. For four hours she was lost, and she cannot remember most of that time. Then she started to fail to recognise people whom she knew well, even on one occasion a relative. She began to have difficulty finding the right word and she walked out of her demanding job as a legal secretary because she could no longer think clearly, remember all she should or find her way about her own office building.

A depressing tale of intellectual decline, job loss and growing dependence on close family for the basic functions of life, certainly. But who is it that is writing this book? It is someone who manages only short paragraphs, who repeats herself at times, who describes how she only manages to write because she can read on her computer what she wrote half an hour before, otherwise much of it would be forgotten. Yet she conveys with feisty humour and shocking honesty as much a hungry zest for life as the intense pain of her predicament.

Even as she describes the beginnings of disintegration of personality — "I am more emotional, greatly impulsive; rumour has it I sometimes display a lack of judgment" — the thread is still there, unbroken. One jargon term for this thread is "insight" — namely self-awareness along with an appreciation of what is going wrong. Often, as the disease progresses, such insight seems to go and the person is spared the ability to reflect consciously on his or her predicament. Perhaps then the thread has truly snapped, but one wonders to what extent the act of finding words to describe what is happening to her in writing this book may actually have served to prevent the thread of Mrs McGowin's self-awareness from breaking completely.

There can be few diseases which arouse such hopelessness as Alzheimer's. Yet people can live for many years after diagnosis, and during this time some mental faculties keep working.

Mrs McGowin managed to grasp this fact, learning to concentrate on what she could still do and enjoy, rather than on what she had lost. She succeeded in relearning some things which the disease had made her forget, and kept her balance on the thread of personal identity by tricks such as using the computer as her artificial memory, and seeking out old friends with whom she could share experiences and memories which had been stored long enough ago so that the disease could not destroy them.

Machines may beat chess champions, but they cannot spin thread like this.

IAN ROBERTSON

● Living in the Labyrinth: A Personal Journey Through the Maze of Alzheimer's, *Diana Friel McGowin, £12.95, Mainsail Press, c.o. Queens' College, Cambridge CB3 9ET (0223 35818)*

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Blair needs links with the workers

Labour must listen to the trade unions, **John Edmonds** argues

David Blunkett, speaking to the TUC in Blackpool yesterday, returned to the vexed question of the link between the trade unions and the Labour Party. He argued for a strong connection between the two wings of the Labour movement, but his speech is unlikely to be very popular with some of the "modernisers" in the shadow Cabinet. The Labour/union connection is one of the defining links in British politics, yet for 20 years the party has never quite been able to find a relationship that satisfies senior Labour politicians.

Last year the battle over one member, one vote revealed many of the tensions. Roy Hattersley called for a Labour constitution without the trade unions, and others spoke of a friendly divorce. But that crusade did not succeed because ordinary Labour Party members did not share the passion for reform.

One commentator with an overactive thyroid gland said that the dispute was about the soul of the Labour Party. But most Labour Party members just wanted to stop the pain, heal the wound and get on to other business.

Whatever extravagant statements were made at the outset, by the final act everyone of importance in the Labour Party was protesting their belief in a permanent link. The argument had become about how to "modernise" or the link or how to strengthen it.

> **Trade unionists are on the side of the angels**

Next month the Labour Party Conference will be different but not because of the great set-piece battle. Most blood was spilt over the method of selecting Labour candidates. Ironically, many more important changes were accepted with scarcely a murmur of opposition. As a result, at this year's conference there will be no block votes and every union and constituency delegate will vote individually.

The other momentous change has already, for the most tragic of reasons, been put into effect. Tony Blair was elected by individual party members and trade unionists. That formula, which was put forward by the GMB and supported by the Labour Establishment, has already passed into practice.

The blood-letting and compromises produced a settlement and it is very clear that ordinary Labour Party members do not want the issue reopened. They do not want their party torn apart again. "Thank God it's over. Let's make sure that we do not do it again." John Smith accepted that judgment and so has Tony Blair. Nobody wants to prod again at that raw nerve. We are promised a rest from constitutional adventures.

But if the battle is over, the frustration lingers on. The Labour Party has accepted the link, but many politicians still do not understand that the trade union connection can be used to advantage.

For the media the trade union link is viewed as a means by which the trade union movement can secure special privilege. When Tony Blair, like John Smith and Neil Kinnock before him, offers the unions "fairness not favours", journalists rush to ask general secretaries whether they are affronted. Perhaps it would be more rewarding to stop asking what the Labour Party can do for the trade unions, and start asking what the trade unions can do for the Labour Party.

Trade unions are amazingly popular; 89 per cent of the public believe that trade unions are necessary to protect people's interests at work. Surely this is a reservoir of goodwill that the Labour Party ought to be able to tap.

A principal difficulty is that there are really two trade union movements and the Labour Party has a relationship with the wrong one. Visit any trade union conference and you will see the formal procedures of trade unionism in action — motions, amendments, speeches and reports. This is the trade unionism of executives and general secretaries and this is the trade unionism that the Labour Party leadership meets most often and knows best.

But if you go to a trade union gathering and listen carefully you will hear an altogether different trade union voice. Ordinary trade unionists speak with authority about the realities of work in the 1990s — the growing insecurity, the casual disregard for talent, and the too ready assumption that the manager always knows best. Trade unionists really know what is going on in the workplace. They know why ambulances take too long to answer emergency calls. They know why we no longer have a foundry industry in Britain. They know why the trains sometimes do not run on time. They have an ample fund of industrial knowledge to deliver to Labour.

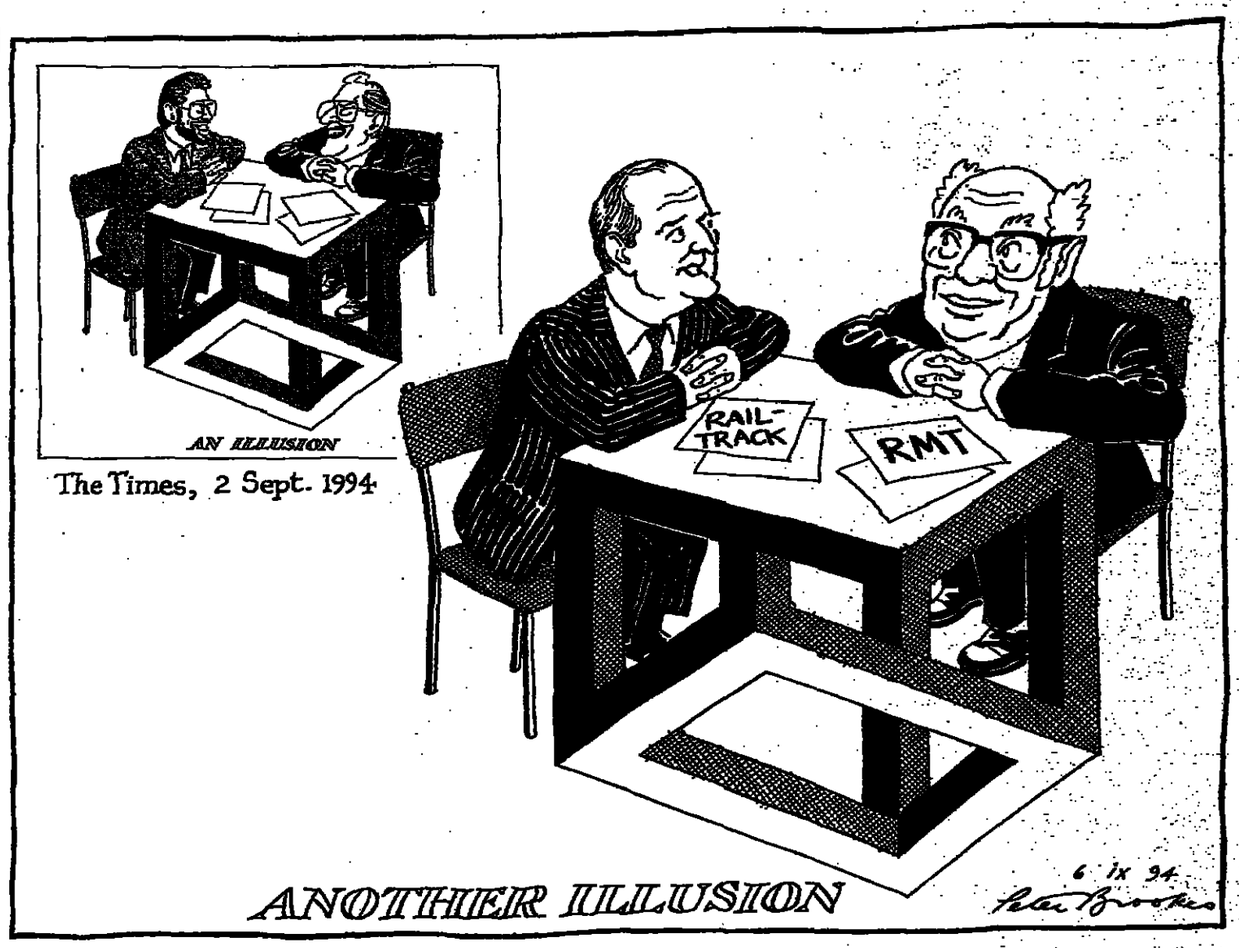
Unions are by far the largest voluntary bodies in Britain. They are involved in community action programmes, local services, local charities and the whole range of community campaigns. Whenever the local economy is under threat it is usually the unions who are the first to argue for regeneration.

Trade unions are now much better at reflecting the public mood. When trade unionists identify the weaknesses of privatised utilities, or complain about excessive pay rises for water industry directors, or argue for the Post Office to stay in the public sector, they are on the side of the angels.

If Tory Cabinet ministers read The Sun to try to discover what Essex man is thinking, Labour politicians would do well to listen to ordinary trade unionists. The information will be more accurate and the judgments will be better.

Perhaps we should introduce more senior Labour politicians to this face of trade unionism which can deliver authentic information and can keep Labour in touch with the collective common sense of the British people.

● *The author is general secretary of the GMB*



Green and clean failures

Some political activists will always accept defeat rather than compromise

All my life, I have refused to join any organisation, however moderate or even obviously beneficial, likewise refused to sign anything that I have not myself written, similarly refused to make any public gesture that might be held to be used in a form not authorised by me. My writings are open to inspection, and the inspectors can make what they like of what they see, but I am the sole progenitor of what I write, and anyone claiming to have been given *carte blanche* by me to interpret my beliefs, attitudes or sympathies is an impostor. And that is why I can sleep without suffering nightmares.

Not so that admirable fellow Jonathon Porritt. (Mr Porritt, I should say for those who do not follow his writings, is an environmental expert at *The Daily Telegraph* and elsewhere.) I recently teased him about his gloomy belief that the world is coming to an end, probably next Wednesday fortnight (he writes books with titles such as *Where on Earth are We Going?*), but in truth I admire him and his work, and I believe that fully two-thirds of it is sensible, useful, wise and indeed essential; his warnings should have a voice, and they should be heard and acted upon.

But he made, presumably a good many years ago, a mistake. He *joined*, and it was the Green Party he joined; it seems that he even helped to found it. (If it had been me, of course, I would have refused membership of any party, whether Green, Red, Purple, Blue or Shot Silk.) He was not to know how the element of good sense that he presumably added to those helping to organise the Green Party would later be treated, but no doubt he watched as the might of the Greens went off to topple the Tories, Labour and Lib-Dems, if not in one tremendous blast, then one by one.

Somehow, all three remained untoppled, as they do to this day. Mr Porritt, being a man who can see a barn door by daylight, had noticed that no Green Party candidate for anything serious had ever won anything, and was not likely to win anything in the future. To remedy this sad state of affairs, he proposed something sensible. And this is where I remind you that I have never joined anything, because if I had, I would be at this very moment proposing something sensible, and when sensible things are proposed in these circumstances the forces of lunacy always take over. And they did, while Mr Porritt could only stand and weep. For he had noticed that the Plaid Cymru candidate for a huge chunk of Wales in the European elections had a good chance to win, whereas the Green Party had not an earthly. But Mr Porritt had noticed something else; the Plaid Cymru man was sympathetic to Greenery, and since the Green candidate had not a chance of getting anywhere near the winner (in the end the Labour and Plaid Cymru votes together totalled 126,950 and the Green Party 3,938), he urged Green voters not to waste their votes, but to give them to the Greenish candidate who might well win.

Bernard Levin

And the Sanhedrin of the Green Party expelled Mr Porritt from their ranks, heedless of the fact that he is probably the only Green in the country who is not laughed at as a buffoon. To make things worse, the idiots announced that the expulsion was inevitable because their "rules" demanded that no Green Party member may ever urge any other member to vote for any other party, and to make things worse still they declared that the Plaid Cymru/Green Party candidate, who in a previous election had won on just such a joint ticket, was from now on debarred from calling himself Green, because the said idiots claim that he is now not sufficiently Green to please the Sanhedrin.

But I did not come here this morning to cluck over the tragic fate of Mr Porritt who, after all, will go on writing sensibly about important things, though with luck, he will be permanently barred from calling himself Green. There is something much deeper in this story, something that I have thought about over the years and which fascinates me, and this seems a very good time to discuss it. It is what I call (for anything better) the culture of failure.

Let me go back a couple of years to two of my columns. The first, not surprisingly, was about the Greens; they had splintered yet again into rivals (and deadly rivals, at that) for the 157th time. Listen to some of the dear brothers and sisters in conclave; it will all be made clear, I promise:

> "... the Green party, as it is now, only provides its detractors with regular proof of its unfitness to contribute to the rapidly envolving green debate...", or "An atmosphere of chronic mistrust is actively encouraged through a constant diet of rumour...", or "just because she looks good on television does not mean she can be allowed to run the party badly..." or "irresponsible and not politically competent to speak for the party..."

More striking still, though ending in tragedy, was the story of Petra Kelly, perhaps the world's greatest collector of lost causes ever; she had the Midas touch upside down and inside out — everything she touched collapsed in absurdity, whether what she was advocating was sensible and useful or was manifestly absurd.

But what would you say if tell you I am now convinced that deep in her, and on another plane deep in those (and these) squabbling Greens, is something that tells them that it is wrong to win? That there is a culture — invisible, of course, to those who live in it — that winning is wrong and losing is right? Or losing is pure; winning is tainted; keep clean.

Why do all the *groupuscules* fail, and fail quarrelling? But we don't need to discuss the *groupuscules*: Mr Porritt demonstrates that on our very doorsteps the thing is being exhibited this very minute — a tiny organisation with only one figure in it who can be taken seriously, and the organisation goes to work to throw out that very one, thereby making certain that none of the other members can even be worth talking to.

I shall go further, and risk ridicule. When the Labour Party chose as its leader Michael Foot, they chose a man of a vast range of qualities and abilities, but one who was absolutely certain to lose the election. (And when Foot did lose the election, his successor was another man who was equally certain to lose the next one.)

Is there something in such men, both in their different ways romantics, who yearn for the quiet of failure? Indeed, if there is anything in my idea, I should be asking whether the Labour Party in Parliament has this strange yearning to lose. Certainly, when Mr Blair — who is quite definitely untouched by the culture of failure, heaven be thanked — was planning his team and his objectives, there were instant voices — from Hain, Beckett, even Prescott (who is a dab at shouting but so far nothing much else) — that meant, deep down, it is, in fighting, more honourable to fight against the foe and lose, than fight no less honourably and win.

Crazy, you say. I say it myself. But then, you must explain why something as important as the earth we tread is bandied about in quarrelling over nothing. Or rather, in quarrelling over the most important thing, but making sure that nothing comes of it.

Come back to where we started. Mr Porritt will continue his valuable work, though he will find that it has been damaged — not fatally but significantly — but the Greens and their party will be even more smug and silly, and will do more damage and think themselves more clever, while they are only more of an absurdity — particularly when they start squabbling among themselves, and after that break into fragments, each fragment breaking into more.

And what about compromises? No grand thing can be made without them, and for that matter no small thing either, though the compromises are smaller too. But the culture of defeat lives by refusing compromise: those who live by rejecting it know in their hearts that it is inevitable, so they swear that they will never touch the inevitable, though it is only another way of seeking defeat.

I have said that Mr Blair is one figure who has wholly rejected the culture of defeat — indeed, that rejection makes him the man who will turn the Labour Party to something like a different Britain. Unless, of course, his followers will discover the ridiculous though tragical events among the Greens and hurry to emulate them. And when they are weeping at their defeat at the hands of the Tories yet again, they will still not understand how they engineered the defeat.

Italy puts politics to the test

Berlusconi is the best hope, says **Woodrow Wyatt**

Towards the end of August, following weeks of feverish arguments in Italy about corruption and whether the Prime Minister, Silvio Berlusconi, should go because he is tainted by it, I went to the 11th-century convent abbey church of Sant' Antimo, near Montalcino. It stands in brilliant Byzantine beauty in a remote Tuscan valley. Inside, the lovely columns of differing heights and capitals show their origin from a Roman temple.

The sense of its use for more than 2,000 years by priests and congregations aspiring to be pure was almost tangible. Three monks, one extremely elderly and doubling his head as near as he could get to his feet in obeisance to a Superior Being, sang haunting Gregorian chants. Here was expressed the prevailing thread of anti-corruption in the Italian soul.

There is such as soul, however diverse, in a country whose regions for centuries have been ruled by usually corrupt foreigners bequeathing enduring antipathies obscured by a common language. Modern Italian unity arrived as recently as 1870 and remains fragile. Venetians, conscious of the grandeur of their past, look down on and despise the rest, as do the Romans. The hard-working industrial North is contemptuous of the feckless South as it watches the subsidies it is forced to give it eroded by colossal corruption. During the past 45 years of mainly Christian Democrat rule at the centre, corruption accumulated like filth from a broken sewer.

At least 97 per cent of the population was besmirched to a lesser or greater degree. This was unavoidable in a land in which citizens could not get their legal entitlements without bribing some official with a plain envelope containing amounts ranging from a few lire to enormous sums. The Mafia, with which many government ministers were entangled, took their toll in "protection money". A large landowner, an old friend, told me how he struggled for years with the tax inspectors to agree his tax liabilities. Only when he bribed them, not to evade tax but to get some certainty into his affairs, did the tax inspectors do their duty. Great companies such as Fiat would have been unable to create exports without bribery.

Signor Craxi, Socialist Prime Minister of a coalition based on the Christian Democrats, once gave hope of being an anti-corruption champion. Now he is in a North African country with no extradition treaty with Italy, dodging trial on charges of embezzling, taking bribes and misusing many millions of pounds worth of state funds. The weight of corruption and fraud finally became unbearable. Berlusconi, the ebullient media magnate, was elected five months ago as the leader of a three-party coalition to end it.

One of his main partners, Signor Bossi, head of the Northern League, based in Milan, continually attacks Berlusconi as though he were a member of the opposition because Berlusconi attracted many of the votes Bossi expected to fall to his party. The defeated Christian Democrats and Communists (deeply corrupt in local government) combine to bring him down. They ask how Berlusconi can be trusted with cleansing the system when his own brother, running a separate but allied part of the Prime Minister's enormous business, is charged with corruption.

Somewhat left-wing judges appointed in deals between the Christian Democrats and the Communists make it hard for Berlusconi to advance to a situation whereby the worst cases of corruption proceed, minor cases are dropped and future cases are dealt with stringently. However, last week the leading prosecutor, Antonio Di Pietro, proposed, with a group of Milan prosecutors, a fresh approach. Three months should be allowed for past corruption offences to be confessed, with profits made from them handed over and those concerned named. The courts would then deal with them lightly. Berlusconi's Interior Minister, Roberto Maroni, has welcomed this suggestion for a new law, as has business generally.

As elsewhere, many Italian voters are disappointed that the new government has not yet delivered new miracles. Another election now would be a disaster for Berlusconi and Italy. This is generally acknowledged by the more sensible of his dispossessed opponents. Despite flaws, Berlusconi is the only man available who can cope with corruption. He also has the original belief that Italy can govern itself and does not have to be governed from Brussels.

He objects strongly to Franco-German domination being imposed on the rest of the European Union. He rejects federalism run by a clique within the twelve EU partners. He is a natural ally of Britain, a believer in free trade and market forces in preference to Brussels bureaucracy. A quick learner, he is noting that the political skills required to run a country are not the same as those needed to run a business. I think he will stay the course and refresh the spirit of Sant' Antimo.

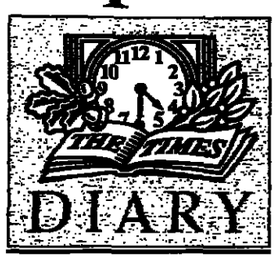
Heave to port

RED NOSES and gout could soon become a thing of the past in diplomatic circles. The Government is cutting down on port consumption and has stopped buying the fortified wine held up by Samuel Johnson as the drink of men.

The decision has been taken after serious consideration by the Government's Hospitality Fund Advisory Committee for the purchase of wine, a noble Foreign Office institution charged with buying up to 5,000 bottles a year to lay down. Falling consumption among diplomatic circles has enforced the drastic move.

"People are not drinking so much and no one drinks port in government functions any more," explains Colonel Timothy Earl, secretary of the fund, which lays down its ports an average of 20 years in advance of their consumption. "The cellars are under Lancaster House."

Wine experts are disappointed by the news but far from surprised. "Certainly young ports are a difficult thing nowadays to have to sell," says David Elswood, wine expert at Christie's. "There is a lot less alcohol consumed during business luncheons." Sir Charles Powell, Baroness Thatcher's foreign policy adviser, agrees: "My impression is that people are less inclined to take a port or brandy after lunch or even dinner. But President Mitterrand said he got better claret at Downing Street than at the Elysee Palace."



Fat chance

AN ATTEMPT by John Monks, the modishly urbane general secretary of the TUC, to indulge in Blackpool's speciality of a fish supper ran into a spot of bother on Sunday night. With a couple of besuited colleagues he turned up at Harry Ramsden's famous fish and chip shop after a hard day's preconferencing, only to be refused entry. "Maybe ducks", suggested a commissioner, "you could return another day during the TUC's annual conference week."

The modern face of the trade union movement was rejected. I am assured, because he was too late — nothing to do with a potential clash with the formidable personification of the old guard. Arthur Scargill was inside, tucking into his supper with relish.

● *The spirit of RAB Butler lives on in the Department for Education. I came across Richard Anthony Butler, an architect, in its buildings division. Not to be confused with Richard Austen, founder of our postwar education system.*

No quarter

JOHN Major has received a copy of a letter from a cricket fan with a grudge. It is a missive from a 13-year-old South African schoolboy to Peter Burge, the referee of the recent South African Test series.

Benjamin Bruyns is outraged by Burge's propensity to fine Test players. He docked the South African quick bowler Fanie de Villiers one quarter of his match income for dissent as well as fining the England captain Mike Atherton.

"It seems that your organisation has a cash-flow problem," writes Bruyns in disgust. "And hence I include a quarter of my pocket money to the amount of one rand to assist you."

Private debate

SHE won't be there to hear it but the activities of the Princess of Wales will come in for a good grilling this November at Durham University. The university's Union Society has invited her favourite reporter and confidant Richard Kay of the *Daily Mail* to debate the motion "This house would allow public figures a private life".

Joining him on the platform will be Lord McGregor of Durris, the embattled chairman of the Press Complaints Commission. Confusion reigns, however, as to which side of the argument the pair of them should take. "I would have thought Lord McGregor would have opposed the motion because I presumed that he thought the present situation was satisfactory," says the union's president, Gareth Williams. "But when I got a letter back he asked if I could clarify whether we wanted him to propose or oppose the motion."



Star bares all

GILLIAN Taylforth, the publicity-shy actress from *EastEnders*, does not appear to be through with the junior school of newspapers that fed with such frenzy on that unfortunate incident with her boyfriend in a Range Rover. Facing a whopping £500,000 bill for the costs of her failed libel action against *The Sun*, Taylforth has decided to write her autobiography.

The publisher is Bloomsbury, which will not comment on the contents of the book. But I am told she plans to lift the lid on the court case and its effect on her family as well as to lay bare her life and times in the BBC soap. "It will be more about how she has had to cope with the pressures than anything whingeing," says a source. "She hopes to raise enough money to pay the costs." No doubt by serialising her tale in the tabloids.



● *Fresh justification reaches PHS of Peter Cadbury's fears of a crime wave in our villages. Thieves snared four floppy-eared rabbits, three white geese, two chickens, one peacock and an ageing donkey from Old Lodge Farm, Nutley, East Sussex. The farm belongs to an animal-loving Saudi Arabian prince.*

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SOARAWAY COSTS

European collaboration on defence aircraft is a waste of money

One of the biggest scandals in the history of British public expenditure is the amount of money that has been wasted on defence aircraft and the gadgets that go with them. After the £1 billion written off on Nimrod, the early warning system that turned into a prematurely expired system, the Government sunk £3.5 billion into the Eurofighter 2000, with more good money likely to follow the bad. Now the Ministry of Defence is being lobbied to throw even more cash into a large hole marked Future Large Aircraft.

The FLA — or at least a wood-and-canvas mock-up on a concrete plinth — is on display at the Farnborough Air Show all this week. Even on current estimates, it will not take to the air until 2002. Yet its cheaper competitor in the transport aircraft market, an updated American Hercules, will fly next year, and will be ready for delivery by 1996. Already the Ministry of Defence's head of defence procurement, Malcolm McIntosh, has warned the FLA's European consortium that the MoD would not consider another programme with "sloppy" management like that of the Eurofighter.

The Eurofighter, billed as a paradigm for European defence co-operation, should have been the star of Farnborough this week. But its builders decided instead to ground the plane so that its software could be improved. Software problems had delayed the aircraft's inaugural flight by two years. The plane has overrun not just its schedule but its costs — by some 20 per cent already.

The idea of European collaboration on a fighter aircraft that could rival those of America and Russia originally had some logic. European countries had been so fiercely nationalistic in their defence procurement that they lacked the economies of scale necessary to finance huge research and development costs. But the inefficiencies involved in practice when Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain tried to build one plane between them have far offset any savings. German government dithering — in the face of well justified scrutiny from bureaucrats and politicians alike — has held back the project.

Each country wants the maximum amount of work. But wrangling over how to share the jobs out has led to ridiculous decisions. For instance, one part of the aircraft's nose takes 300 days to produce, but spends more than 100 of them moving from one country to another. Britain and Spain make one wing; Italy the other. The end result, if the aircraft goes into production, will be an extremely expensive plane: probably about £34 million each.

If the Eurofighter were far more effective than any other plane on the market, the MoD might be able to justify its cost; even then it is not obvious that Britain should always pay the highest price for the best equipment. But the plane's performance does not far outstrip the competition. Price for price, Eurofighter soars ahead: that is its main distinction. As for other options, Britain might not consider, as Germany has, buying Russian planes. But there is no reason, apart from British or European nationalism, not to buy from America. The two superpowers are technologically so far ahead of Europe in aircraft design that it seems foolish not to team up with one of them. For both fighter and transport planes, deals could be done to ensure that some of the work was contracted out to British manufacturers. Spares could be made in Britain too, thereby guaranteeing supply.

European collaboration on aircraft design is inefficient, ill conceived and out of date. There must be a cheaper way of demonstrating Britain's commitment to the EC than ploughing money into the most expensive job-creation scheme ever devised.

INFLATING CARDOSO

The economy will come first for Brazil's voters

With the electoral dust in Mexico barely settled, Latin America's democratic juggernaut now rumbles on through the Brazilian leg of its journey. Amid gaffes on television and a tearful resignation by the country's Finance Minster, voters in Brazil are bracing themselves for presidential elections — on October 3 — for only the second time in over three decades.

Brazil's size, the diversity of its regional politics and the absence of stable national parties have all contributed to the country's political underdevelopment. This has ensured that its economic strides, while often immense, have always been erratic. The giant of the continent has been afflicted by seemingly intractable inflation, widespread public sector corruption and — until now — governments too pusillanimous to make a difference to economic rot.

The world may now, however, be witnessing the emergence of a new Brazil. Credit for this is owed largely to Fernando Henrique Cardoso, presidential candidate for the Brazilian Social Democrat alliance. In his former role as Finance Minister in President Itamar Franco's government, Senhor Cardoso crafted the *real*, a new currency wedded to the dollar, aimed at giving beleaguered Brazilians the unfamiliar luxury of stable prices after decades of wild inflation. The *real* has a better chance of sucess than previous Brazilian attempts to corral inflation because it has a hard-currency cushion: $10 billion of the country's foreign reserves of nearly $40 billion has been ear-marked for intervention to steady the exchange rate.

In the two months since the *real*'s introduction, inflation has plummeted; Senhor Cardoso's support in the polls has soared in inverse proportion. The popularity of his most serious rival, the left-wing Luis Inacio "Lula" da Silva, has suffered as a consequence. Senhor da Silva accused the government of playing politics with the *real*, timing its introduction to favour Senhor Cardoso. Yet in doing so, he risked giving an impression to the electorate that he did not approve of the methods employed to counter inflation. His Workers Party had, until then, campaigned on a tax-and-spend platform opposed to privatisation, particularly in "strategic sectors" such as telecommunications, oil and aviation. The *real*-nourished surge in support for Senhor Cardoso forced him to moderate his message.

The unguarded confessions of Rubens Ricupero, Finance Minister until the weekend, that he massaged the message of the *real*'s success to favour Senhor Cardoso has given Senhor da Silva some ammunition to deploy in his presidential campaign. It is unlikely, however, that Senhor Cardoso's campaign will suffer greatly as a result: he will benefit, paradoxically, from the Brazilian voters' tolerance — even expectation — of a certain degree of jiggery-pokery. The offence, because of its technical nature, is likely to lose much of its sting in translation to the language of the hustings.

Senhor Cardoso will need to reinforce his message in the time remaining. Brazil's next President must be devoted to the package of economic reforms that is now in place, to the balancing of the country's ledgers and to the privatisation of state-run companies. The success of these reforms is vital not just for Brazil, which has the region's largest and most industrialised economy: on it also hinges the integration of Latin American markets and hemispheric free trade.

BAD GRACES

Britain has behaved unfairly towards the Getty Museum



Canova's *The Three Graces* have been apparently saved for the nation by the interventions of a Dutch-born Baron and an American philanthropist. But the cost of the battle to keep the sculpture on these shores must be counted in more than just cash. What looks to be a victory for British campaigners has cast a sickly light on the very national heritage for which they fight.

It would be ridiculous if the five-year tussle to keep the sculpture permanently in Britain ended up with the three maidens going on display in Madrid for perhaps as long as a year. Yet many suspect that this string has been at least tacitly attached to the £800,000 promised by Baron Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza. Much worse is the way the campaign looks from America: as a desperate scramble to keep a work of dubious national significance out of the Getty Museum in California at all costs.

This internationally respected art museum, which is known for standing back graciously to allow British institutions to acquire major works, has waited patiently since 1989 when efforts to prevent its purchase of the statue for £7.6 million began. Deadlines came and went, rules were changed. Then the Government simply refused an export licence to the owners, Fine Art Investment and Display.

The statue, which has spent most of the intervening years in a London storeroom, came back onto the market last year — and the saga reopened. The Getty renewed its attempt to buy the statue; the heritage lobby renewed its attempt to block it, with new and ever-more ungracious twists. There was the £1 million donation to the British appeal from John Paul Getty II, its retraction and redonation. There was also the late intervention of Baron Thyssen, which secured for the British appeal the balance of funds it needed. This donation could only be accepted because Stephen Dorrell, the new National Heritage Secretary, allowed yet another final deadline to pass.

Understandably, the American museum at this point lost patience. In unusually strong language, the Getty expressed dismay about the desperate efforts to prevent it purchasing the mythological symbols of harmony and loveliness. It has quite properly announced it will seek a judicial review of the Government's handling of the matter. But the affair is more serious than the hurt feelings of an institution.

The international art market is justified in complaining about British bad faith. Senior figures, including some who campaigned most actively to retain the statue, have expressed their fears that Britain's high standing in that small and febrile world of art dealing could be permanently damaged by the affair. No market can flourish when its regulations are opaque or in constant flux. The existing rules for the export of Britain's art heritage must, at the very least, be clearly restated. Few would deny that art transcends market values, but Britain's national heritage is bigger than one statue and rests also on its reputation for fair play.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Role for the people of Hong Kong

From Legislative Councillor Christine Loh

Sir, I was distressed to read Sir Percy Cradock's view ("Patten's China gamble deals Hong Kong a losing hand", *September 2*) that the six million Hong Kong people have no role to play in their future; that it is all a matter of diplomatic finesse between the governments of Britain and China.

His narrow view sadly smacks of a paternal colonial mentality — a mentality which assumes a responsibility to speak on behalf of the people of Hong Kong who are more than capable of speaking for themselves. *Sir Percy's view is also profoundly* undemocratic, for what is democracy if not the right to represent oneself? It is this basic right of self-representation that has been denied the people of Hong Kong.

Sir Percy appears to believe that the only check on Peking's brutal instincts is through diplomacy. He is wrong. The best protection against Peking's worst instincts, for example to liquidate the political structure in Hong Kong after 1997, is not British diplomacy but the people of Hong Kong themselves.

In order for the Joint Declaration to succeed, Hong Kong must be motivated to engage in protecting the values and defending the integrity of the Hong Kong system. When the British are gone, it will be left to the people of Hong Kong to hold China to account for its actions and to continue to fight for further democratic reform.

Sir Percy rightly perceives that it will *not* be easy for Hong Kong to defend its system. After all he once described the Chinese rulers as "thugs", who have little sympathy for democracy and human rights.

But instead of telling Hong Kong to lie low, not irritate China and hope for the best, perhaps he should now (since he did not when he was special adviser to Margaret Thatcher) fight for Hong Kong British subjects who do not wish to live under Chinese rule to be able to settle in Britain.

If he has a heart for the people of Hong Kong, then he should ensure that no Hong Kong British subjects will be handed over to China if they do not want to be. I fear Sir Percy only sees Hong Kong as a diplomatic card game between states and not about people.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTINE LOH,
Room 424,
Central Government Offices,
West Wing, 11 Ice House Street,
Central, Hong Kong.
September 2.

Principle of finality on convictions

From Lord Donaldson of Lymington

Sir, Professor Michael Zander ("Second-class acquittals will not do", August 30) objects on two grounds to my suggestion that the new Criminal Cases Review Authority should concern itself only with cases where the convicted person can be shown to be actually or probably innocent (report, August 29; *my letter*, August 19).

First, he says that this question cannot be considered without investigation and that my proposal breaks down there. Not so. Whether the authority's remit be wide or narrow, it will have to investigate any serious claim that a convicted person's claim *falls within that remit.*

Second and, as he says, more fundamental, Professor Zander contends that if a person should not have been convicted in the first place, his conviction should be quashed, whether or not he is in fact guilty.

Legislators, and perhaps more particularly judges, are continually faced with having to strike a balance between inconsistent principles. This is such a case.

One principle is that a conviction should be quashed if, but for some error or omission at the trial, the accused might (not would) have been acquitted. The other is that there should be finality in any system of justice. What happens when this principle is ignored is amply demonstrated in the United States, where the criminal justice process can be made to extend for a decade or more.

The principle of finality can never outweigh the right of those who are, or are probably, innocent to have their convictions quashed. But subject to that, I suggest that finality should prevail when any ordinary rights of appeal have been exhausted.

The royal commission wholly ignores the principle of finality. If a convicted person loses his appeal he is invited to apply to the authority. If his application is refused he is invited to try again and to go on trying.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. DONALDSON
(Master of the Rolls, 1982-92),
House of Lords.
September 1.

From Mr Francis Bennion

Sir, Professor Zander dismisses Lord Donaldson's suggestion that a "not proved" verdict should replace the present "not guilty" verdict because it would leave a cloud over all acquitted defendants. There is a simple answer.

In civil cases the law sets the balance of probabilities as the standard of proof, whereas in criminal cases the standard is the stricter one demanding absence of reasonable doubt. Juries should in future be instructed that if there is reasonable doubt, so that a "guilty" verdict is ruled out, they should go on to consider the balance of probabilities.

If the jury then find that on the balance of probabilities the accused is guilty they should return a verdict of "not proved beyond reasonable doubt". Only if they find guilt not established even to this lower standard should they say "not guilty".

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS BENNION,
54a Nicodemou Mylona Street,
Limassol, Cyprus.

From Mrs Jean Harding

Sir, Would not "cleared of the charge" be more acceptable and correct than "not guilty" or "not proved"?

Yours faithfully,
JEAN HARDING,
Hollies, Colchester Road,
Great Bromley, Colchester, Essex.

'Central' issue behind rail dispute

From Mr Jimmy Knapp, General Secretary of the RMT

Sir, Yet again, Robert Horton ignores the central issue of our strike ("RMT should follow other unions' lead", Business, September 5).

RMT did not ballot members for industrial action on restructuring and we are not in dispute on this issue. The dispute is over rewards for efficiency gains already made by the employer — something Railtrack recognised up until June 9, 1994. It really is astonishing that Railtrack now argue that they have met the claim by past regradings, when in early June both sides accepted this was not the case.

So far as restructuring is concerned, RMT has no problem with the principle. However, Mr Horton seems unaware of one important fact which destroys much of his argument.

The reason signalworkers' pay and conditions have not been restructured is not opposition by the union. Two years ago we tried to get signal staff brought into a restructuring deal covering operating grades, but BR insisted that they be kept out.

If Mr Horton wishes to apportion blame for the delay in agreeing restructuring for signalling staff, he should be directing his fire at BR rather than the union. RMT has repeatedly said we will negotiate on restructuring once Railtrack have dealt honestly with our claim. What is Mr Horton waiting for?

Incidentally, Railtrack's idea of modern working conditions includes 12-hour shifts and asking staff to swallow proposals which mean more than a quarter facing a substantial cut in earnings. It is not surprising that the company has great difficulty in convincing its staff about the merits of the restructuring proposals.

Yours faithfully,
J. KNAPP,
General Secretary,
National Union of Rail,
Maritime & Transport Workers,
Unity House,
Euston Road, NW1.

Maths and science

From Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, FRS

Sir, Simon Jenkins's article (August 27) on the teaching of maths and science and the letters that followed (September 1) were thought-provoking. Increasing numbers of young people do not like the maths and science teaching they are offered, nor do employers bid up their price in eagerness to employ those so taught.

We should aim to be quite clear not only about what we are teaching but about how we do it. I wholly agree with Simon Jenkins that the most important mathematical skill for living and for citizenship is a critical understanding of statistics, yet it has been virtually frozen out of every school syllabus. It needs to be central to them all.

Maths, science and engineering need to be taught so as to convey their place in the development of our culture and civilisation. This means looking at the evolution and history of scientific thinking, showing how it changed through the interaction of people with the technology, needs and outlook of their day, through numerous false starts, through trial and error, above all as a very human enterprise.

If only we can get it across that science is not about "facts" but about a co-operative undertaking, then the subject would become much more attractive to many young people. Of course the volume of scientific results that could be taught thus would be far less than is now attempted, but I would happily accept this price.

In many other countries science and engineering graduates are much more in demand than here (a point Simon Jenkins failed to mention). These people have had far less narrowly focused courses at school and at university and are therefore much better prepared to take their place in teams in industry, commerce and general occupations. They have been educated through their speciality, but they are not just employable as specialists.

Yours faithfully,
HERMANN BONDI,
Churchill College, Cambridge.

From Professor Sir Eric Ash, FRS, FEng

Sir, I regard the narrow vocational perception which Simon Jenkins has gained of the value of university education as bizarre. He is quite right in his belief that only a small percentage of those who study advanced mathematics use it in anger. He will surely also have noted, the evidence of the Edinburgh festival notwithstanding, that many graduates of English literature fail to write any plays.

Some branches of engineering require a great deal of sophisticated mathematics. The next time Mr Jenkins is on a flight which lands in poor visibility on auto pilot he should be grateful that someone has got it right. But the value of mathematics in science and engineering transcends the needs for specific calculations. It is the basis of our conceptual understanding of the physical world, the starting point for all advances in science and engineering.

I could not, however, fail to be impressed by Mr Jenkins's mastery of subjects such as "fuzzy logic" in the course of a morning's reading. Perhaps indeed he is endowed with hidden mathematical talents which were suppressed during his school days. It may not be too late for him to change sides.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC A. ASH,
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Department of Physics,
Gower Street, WC1.

Funds cut off

From the Director of the Commonwealth Institute, Scotland

Sir, I am delighted that HMG is to continue funding the Commonwealth Institute after 1996, albeit on a considerably reduced level ("Let the showcase go on", Public Management, August 25). Unfortunately this does not apply north of the border: funding for the Commonwealth Institute, Scotland, will cease as a result of "increased pressure on our resources from other higher priority activities" as Baroness Chalker wrote in a recent letter to my chairman.

It has been the practice of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to fund the Commonwealth Institute, Scotland, separately. This will no longer be the case.

Baroness Chalker wrote further that the Government would not object to us approaching the board of the institute in London for a proportion of their funding after 1996. Their funding is being drastically reduced from the current £2.7 million to £1 million in 1996-97.

The future of the Commonwealth Institute, Scotland, after 40 years is in very serious jeopardy.

Yours faithfully,
C. G. CARROL, Director,
Commonwealth Institute, Scotland,
8 Rutland Square, Edinburgh 1.
August 29.

Graves not forgotten

From Mr J. P. Gee

Sir, You refer (report, August 27) to a long-forgotten cemetery for Muslim soldiers being discovered by West German officials near Wünsdorf. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has never lost sight of the fact that this cemetery contains 206 graves of servicemen from the First World War, mainly those of Indian and Gurkha soldiers.

Following the reunification of the country the commission has been in touch with the German authorities about these graves and we are currently seeking to arrange a detailed survey with a view to restoring the Commonwealth war plot.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY GEE
(Director, Secretariat),
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
2 Marlow Road,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.
September 2.

Putting a price on it

From Mr A. J. Colbert

Sir, Mr S. R. Bull (letter, August 27) has identified the five mysterious lines running across the Australian Plain as the planet's bar-code.

The hunt is now on for the "best before" date sticker. I have searched Walsall but it isn't here.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. COLBERT,
25 Leigh Road,
Walsall, West Midlands.

Defence procurement

From Mr David Essex

Sir, Your report, "Defence buyer attacks 'sloppy' control over plane projects" (Business, August 23), highlights the MoD's wish to have everything cut and dried before placing orders for new products.

The effect of this is to transfer the risk and funding of development to industry. Our research shows that in other countries, notably the USA and France, there is a proportionately greater amount of public funding of defence industry research and development.

The danger of the MoD approach — if carried too far — is that UK industry will lose its current competitive edge at a time when international competition is becoming ever more intense. The MoD's approach helps to install welcome commercial disciplines in the defence industry, but there is a balance to be struck and the MoD needs to work more in partnership with industry at the development stage.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ESSEX (Partner),
Ernst & Young
(Chartered accountants),
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August 23.

From Mr Robert Alizart

Sir, In your article Dr Malcolm McIntosh, Britain's head of defence procurement, is quoted as implying that Airbus Industrie has sloppy management. The record shows otherwise, as those who follow the industry are well aware.

If Airbus Industrie operated on less than sound business principles and was not commercially minded, it would not have survived, let alone prospered as the world's leading airliner manufacturer in the first six months of 1994. Airbus Industrie has been profitable since 1990. Its A320, in which the UK has already invested money, is already one of the best investments made by the British Government.

Yours faithfully,
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August 24.

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Dictating reform

From Mr P. G. Okey

Sir, When I become dictator of this country, which I had hoped to do before his Honour Michael Argyle, QC (letter, September 2), I shall make it a capital offence for a house to be identified by a name, such as "The Red House", unaccompanied by a clearly marked street number.

Yours faithfully,
PETER OKEY,
(Enigma Investigations Detective Agency),
16 Guildhall Walk,
Portsmouth, Hampshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 5: The Duke of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment, this afternoon was present at Royal Air Force Brize Norton for the departure to Bosnia Herzegovina of a contingent of the 1st Battalion.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

Queen Charlotte's Birthday Ball

The Birthday Ball will be held on Monday, September 19, at Grosvenor House Hotel. Friends of Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital are asked to support this event and in doing so help to raise funds for a Doppler Ultrasound Scanner that is urgently required. For further information please contact The Birthday Ball Office, Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Goldhawk Road, W6. Tel: 081 741 4653.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Roger Freeman, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, and Mr Tim Eggar, Minister for Energy and Industry, were the hosts yesterday at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House to mark Farnborough '94.

Dinners

HM Government
Mr Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Scotland, was the host last night at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government at Bute House, Edinburgh, for Motorola.

The Royal Academy of Engineering
Sir William Barlow, FEng, President of The Royal Academy of Engineering, presided at a lecture and dinner held last night at the Institution of Civil Engineers, London. The guest speaker was Sir Martin Jacomb, Chairman of Delta plc and Postel Investment Management Ltd, who spoke on 'Expanding the Industrial Base: Key to Long Term Recovery'.

English-Speaking Union
Baroness Brigstocke, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union, presided at a dinner given last night at the Centre International d'Études Pédagogiques, Sèvres, France, to mark the opening of the ESU Cultural Seminar. Professor Jean-Paul Constantin, Director of Language and Communication at the École Nationale d'Administration, Paris, was the guest speaker.

Appointments

Mr Peter Thomson to be High Commissioner to the Seychelles from February 1995 in succession to Mr E.A. Sharland who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

Professor Arnold Wolfendale, the Astronomer Royal, to be President of the Institute of Physics.

School announcements

Birkdale School, Sheffield
The Christmas Term begins today with 751 boys in the school. Oliver Todd is Head of School. Mr John Allen joins the staff as Head of Outdoor Pursuits, Mrs Anne Oliver as Head of Geography and Mr Neil Porter-Thaw as Director of Preparatory School Music. The opening of the Grayson Building and Kirkham Library takes place on September 15, and the opening of the Sports Hall by Ian Beer at Speech Day on October 10. In preparation for the Sixth Form becoming co-educational in September 1995, a Sixth Form Open Evening will be held on November 8. Any Old Birkdalians who wish to be added to the OB mailing list are asked to contact the Head Master's Secretary.

Benenden School
Term starts today at Benenden School. Sixth Form Scholarship and Entry Examinations for September 1995 will take place on November 16 and 17. Open mornings for parents of prospective students will be held on September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 3.

Brighton College
Michaelmas Term begins on September 6. Mr Simon Smith becomes Second Master and Mr Ken Grocott becomes Housemaster of School House. A Boarding Open Evening takes place on September 30 and a Sixth Form Open Evening will be held on October 6. Open Day is on Saturday, October 22, when the Guest of Honour will be Rear Admiral P.G.V. Dingemans, CB, DSO. The Lower Sixth Entrance Scholarship examinations take place on November 23. The Lower School Play *Billy Liar, Desperate Glory* will be performed on November 24 and 25. The Old Brightonian Association Dinner is on December 3 and the Carol Service is on December 11.

The College will be marking its 150th Anniversary in 1995 with a full programme of celebratory events. Any Old Brightonians, not in contact with the Association, who would like a copy of the programme should write to Hilda Williamson at the College.

Entrance awards for the new year have been made as follows:
Academic
13+: Cooke Scholarship to Matthew Harrison (Windlesham School). Major Scholarships to Jennifer O'Callaghan (Brighton College Junior School) and Saleem Feeney (Broadwater Manor School). Scholarships to Chloe Blackburn, Jana Jeyakumar, Hugo Webb and Mark Shepherd (Brighton College Junior School). Exhibitions to Marcus O'Dair (Mowden School), Paul Martell (Broadwater Manor School) and Michael Copping-Eaton (Brighton College). History Exhibition to Guy Wiggin (Broadwater Manor School).
Sixth Form Entry: Cooke Scholarship to Ruth Southern (Brighton & Hove High School). Scholarships to Emma Pilsell, Emma McCleary and Elizabeth James (Brighton & Hove High School).
Continuation Scholarships: Alexandra Johnson and Kimberley Alder (Broadwater Manor School), Sam Carter and Christopher Wright (Great Walstead School), Nicholas Epstein (St Christopher's School, Hove), James Watson (Mowden School) and Steve Bernstein (Brighton College Junior School).
Music:
13+ Scholarships to James Torry and Thomas Carter (Brighton College Junior School) and Catherine Berry (Great Walstead School). 13+ Exhibitions to Patrick Spencer (Brighton College Junior School) and Marcus O'Dair (Mowden School).
Art:
13+ Scholarship to William Older (Brighton College Junior School). 13+ Exhibition to Claire Allaway (Brighton College Junior School).
CDT:
13+ Scholarship to Nicholas Edwards (Brighton College Junior School).
Sport:
13+ Sports Awards to Peter Flint (Brighton College Junior School) and Anaya Rahim (Hove Park Lower School).

Brockhurst Preparatory School, Newbury
Autumn Term begins today. Joint Senior Prefects are Patrick Goodlet and Nathan Harrison. Bonfire Night is on November 5 and the Carol Services are on December 8 and 9.

Canford School
Christmas Term at Canford begins today. The Academic and Music Scholarship Examinations for VIth Form entry will take place on Monday and Tuesday, November 21 and 22. Charles Spreckley is Head of School. Due to the proceeds from the sale of the Canford Assyrian Relief, the Governors will shortly announce details of new Scholarships available for those entering from September 1995. Canford will be coeducational by this date. Term ends with the Carol Service in Wimborne Minster on Friday, December 16.

Charterhouse
The Oration Quarter starts today. Giles Hazan is Head of School, Annabel Rudebeck is Head Girl and Toby Dolman is Captain of Football. Mr Geoffrey Ford will open the extension to the Ben Travers Theatre at the start of the Charterhouse Poetry Festival on September 15. A Reunion will be held at the School on Saturday, October 15, for those in the School during Long Quarter 1977 and who left in or before the end of Oration Quarter 1982 (details from the Recorder). The Preacher on Remembrance Sunday will be the Rev R. Roe, OBE, MC. Details of drama productions and concerts may be obtained from the Headmaster's Secretary. Late Evening Carols will be sung in Chapel on December 1 and 2. The Founder's Day Dinner in London will be on December 7. Exeat is from October 22 to 30 and the Quarter ends on December 10.

Dean Close School
The Michaelmas Term begins today. Mr S.G.G. Aiano succeeds Mr N.M. Blake as Housemaster of Court House. Laura Jervis is Head of School and Christopher Newman is her Deputy. Gareth Jones is Captain of Rugby. The Old Decanian Games' Day will be on September 13 and the Colin Sherratt Recital on September 20. Open Day will be on October 8 and the Preparatory Schools' Choral Course on October 18 and 20. The Douglas Graham Memorial Lecture, given by the Rev Dr J. Polkinghorne, will be on November 15. The Choral Society will be performing Handel's *Jephtha* on December 4. Carols by Candlelight will be on December 12 and 13 and term ends on December 14.

Exeter School
Michaelmas Term begins on Wednesday, September 7. Robert McNinch is Head Boy and Matthew Porter Captain of Rugby Football. Important dates are: September 17 - Old Exonian Exeter Dinner 7.30pm, September 29 - Open Evening 5.00pm - 9.30pm, October 11 - Speech Day - Speaker: Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley 7.30pm, November 30, December 1, 2 and 3 - School Drama Production *The Plough and the Stars*, December 15/16 - Christmas Concerts, term ends December 21.

The Godolphin School, Salisbury
Autumn Term begins on Wednesday, September 7, 1994; with Holly Fairclough as Head Girl and Verity Shepherd as her deputy, and 430 pupils on the roll, including those who are part of the new preparatory department. All past pupils are invited to the School on Saturday, September 24, for Commemoration, and then to Westminster Abbey for a service in Henry VII Chapel and in the Cloisters by the Godolphin memorial on Saturday, November 19, at 4.30pm. Term ends after the Carol Service in Salisbury Cathedral at 2pm on Wednesday, December 14.

King's School, Rochester
Michaelmas Term at King's School, Rochester, begins today, Tuesday, September 6. D.E.A. McElroy will be Head of School. O.T. Davies and J.F. Roberts will be Vice Heads of School. Mr Barry Roberts becomes Head of Geography, Dr Linda Skelton and Mr Nicholas Dugan join us to teach Maths, Mr Simon Gates to teach Divinity, Miss Camilla Otaki to teach English and Miss Karen Roy to teach Modern Languages.

Moira House, Eastbourne
Christmas Term begins today and ends on Wednesday, December 14. Mrs Comerford and Miss Kemp are joining the staff of the Junior School and Mrs Hookey is the Headmaster's new secretary. Jemma Greig and Jayne Hewitt continue as School Knights. The Ingham Sixth Form Scholarship Examination will be held on Saturday, September 24. Full details are available from the Headmaster's Secretary. The annual Stratford Expedition will be October 6 - 8. An Old Girls' Reunion lunch will be held at Jesus College, Cambridge, on October 8. (Full details from the Old Girls' Club Secretary at the school). Open House is being held on Tuesday, October 18. The special guest at our Piano Festival, October 13-15, will be Antony Hopkins, CBE. The Senior Drama Production will be *Animal Farm* on the nights of November 24, 25, 26. The term concludes with the Charity Bazaar, the Moira House Choral Society singing Bach's *Magnificat* on December 10 and the Annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on December 11 at All Saints Church.

Monkton Combe School
The Michaelmas Term begins today. Prizegiving is on October 22; the prizes will be presented by Professor V.D. VandeLinde, Vice-Chancellor of Bath University. The Knight Lecture on November 5 will be given by Dr J.C. Polkinghorne, FRS, President of Queens' College, Cambridge. The Advent Carol Service in Bath Abbey is on December 14.

The Princess Helena College
Autumn term begins today and ends on December 15. Letitia Bow continues as Head of School with Helen Watson as her deputy. There will be an Open Afternoon at the College on Saturday, October 8, commencing at 2.00pm. Sixth form Scholarship Examinations take place on November 5. There will be a Concert on November 12 to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Haydn's visit to the estate of Temple Dinsley. The *Christmas Bazaar* is at 11.30am on Saturday, November 26, followed by the annual lacrosse match against the Old Girls. Performances of *She Stoops to Conquer* are on December 2 and 3 and the Carol Service will be in St Mary's Church, Hitchin, at 4.00pm on Sunday, December 11. Enquiries about any of the above events should be addressed to the headmistress.

Prior's Field School
Term starts on Wednesday, September 7. Nicola Thompson is Head Girl and Annabel Gale is Deputy. Term ends with the Carol Service in Charterhouse Chapel at 2.00pm on December 13, followed by a Christmas Fair at School. Old Girls Day will be in May 1995.

Rugby School
The Advent Term begins today. Ben Neilsen (Tudor) is Head of School and Edward Colver (Michell) is Captain of Football. The Third PAL National Inter-schools Debate takes place at Rugby on October 15 with 34 schools competing. The School Show *Jesus Christ Superstar* takes to the stage from November 8 to November 12. The European Debate is held on November 25. Elgar's *The Kingdom* will be performed in the Temple Speech Room on December 3. The Carol Service for visitors is in Chapel at 8.00pm on December 8. Term ends on December 10. Rugby School is a registered charity which exists for the education of boys and girls.

St Edward's School, Oxford
Term begins today. Benjamin Way is Head of School. There will be a performance of Mozart's *C Minor Mass* on November 13. Commemoration Concert will take place on November 25 and the Carol Services on December 4. The School Play is *South Pacific* and will be performed on December 1, 2 and 3. The Scholarship examination and general assessment for Lower Sixth girl and boy entry take place at the School on November 4 and 5. Term ends on December 10.

St James's and The Abbey, West Malvern, Worcestershire
Term ends on Friday, December 9 (and not as stated in yesterday's paper), with the Carol Service in St James's Church at 11.15am.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.A. Barnes and Miss J.M. Yates
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Barnes, of Perry Farm, St Lawrence, Jersey, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Yates, of Bandinel Farm, St Martin, Jersey.

Mr M.R.J. Carr and Miss A.K. Hills
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Carr, of Great Glen, Leicestershire, and Annabel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hills, of South Petherton, Somerset.

Mr R. Choudhury and Miss J.R. Ball
The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Dr K. and Dr P. Choudhury, of New Waltham, Lincolnshire, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Ball, of Sanderstead, Surrey.

Mr M.O. Davis and Miss B.G. Sterndale
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs David Osmond Davis, of Hildenborough, Kent, and Bridget, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Sterndale, of Lymington, Hampshire.

Mr R. Falcon and Miss T.A. Wallace
The engagement is announced between Robin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Falcon, of Selling, Kent, and Tracey Ann, elder daughter of Mr G.P. Wallace, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Mrs J. Flaxton, of Sandgate, Kent.

Mr M.R. Ledermann and Miss M.E. Burnett
The engagement is announced between Marc, son of Mr and Mrs René Ledermann, of Yverdon-les-Bains, Switzerland, and Moira, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Burnett, of Wittersham, Kent.

Mr D.I.A.C. Byatt and Miss A.M. Loyd
The engagement is announced between Duncan Ian Arthur Campbell, younger son of Sir Hugh and Lady Campbell Byatt, of Leargnahension, Argyll, and Alexandra Mary, elder daughter of Sir Julian and Lady Loyd, of Burnham Market, Norfolk.

Mr M.H. Chaplin and Mrs N.E. Jones
The engagement is announced between Mervyn Henry, younger son of Mrs R.M. Chaplin and the late Major R.M. Chaplin, of East Carlton, Leicestershire, and Nicola Elisabeth, younger daughter of Mr R.N. da Costa, of Rudgewick, Sussex, and Mrs R.G.H. Taylor, of Cheriton, Hampshire.

Mr A.E. Fanshawe and Miss M.H.D. Anninos
The engagement is announced between Angus, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs David Fanshawe, of Chute, Wiltshire, and Marianna, youngest daughter of the late Mr Peter Anninos and of Mrs Peter Anninos, of Cadogan Square, London, SW1.

Mr R.D. Onslow and Miss T.F. Fox
The engagement is announced between Robert Denzil, younger son of Commander and Mrs Richard Onslow, of Preston Bagot, Warwickshire, and Tamara Forsyth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Fox, of Cheriton, Hampshire.

Mr D.M. Wormald and Miss C.J. Wolters
The engagement is announced between David Michael, son of Mr D.P. Wormald, of Poole, Dorset, and Mrs Catherine Cairns, also of Poole, Dorset, and Clare Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Wolters, of Brentwood, Essex.

The Institution of Water and Environmental Management

The following have passed the institution's Diploma in Water and Environmental Management 1994:

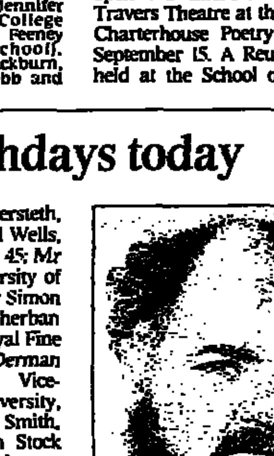
Diploma Prize Winner: Joanna Frances Kelly.

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Birthdays today

The Right Rev John Bickersteth, former Bishop of Bath and Wells, 73; Mr Mark Birch, jockey, 45; Mr B.G. Booth, Rector, University of Central Lancashire, 52; Mr Simon Burns, MP, 42; Mr Sherban Cantacuzino, secretary, Royal Fine Art Commission, 66; Sir Derman Christopherson, former Vice-Chancellor, Durham University, 79; Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, former chairman, London Stock Exchange, 63; Sir John Johnson, chairman, Countryside Commission and former diplomat 64.

Mr Roger Knight, secretary, MCC, 48; Sir Colin McColl, former diplomat, 62; Mr George Mann, former chairman, TCCB, 77; Miss Monica Mason, ballerina, 53; Lord O'Hagan, former MEP, 49; Sir Peter Pain, former High Court judge, 81; Sir James Stubblefield, geologist, 93; Sir Anthony Wagner, former Garter King of Arms, 86; Mr J.R.C. Young, former rugby player and chief executive, Securities and Investments Board, 57.



Mr Roger Law, satirist and puppeteer, is 53

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Alastair Goodlad, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in honour of Mr Nguyen Dy Nien, the Vice Foreign Minister for Vietnam.

HM Government
Mr Allan Stewart, Minister for Industry and Local Government at The Scottish Office, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Bute House, Edinburgh, for the Royal Fine Art Commission.

Ministry of Defence
Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of General Abdal Hafiz Marei Kaabneh, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Jordan Armed Forces.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Marie-Joseph, Marquis de Lafayette, statesman and soldier, Chavagnac, France, 1757; John Dalton, chemist and physicist, Englesfield, Cumbria, 1766; Sir Walford Davies, composer, Oswestry, Shropshire, 1869; John James Macleod, physiologist, pioneer of insulin, Nobel laureate 1923, New Clunie, Tayside, 1876; Sir Edward Appleton, physicist, Nobel laureate 1947, Bradford, 1892.

DEATHS: Jean Baptiste Colbert, statesman, Paris, 1683; George Alexander Stevens, dramatist and song writer, Baldock, Hertfordshire, 1784; King James II, reigned 1685-88, St Germains, France, 1701; Arthur Rackham, illustrator, Surrey, 1939; Gertrude Lawrence, actress, New York, 1952; Hendrik Verwoerd, President of South Africa 1958-66, assassinated, Cape Town, 1966.

The Great Fire of London was finally extinguished, 1666.

The first British telephone exchange opened in Lombard Street, London, 1879.

King Carol II of Romania abdicated, 1940.

Latest wills

Mr Thomas Monsanto Berrington, of Malvern, Worcester, left estate valued at £4,795,439 net. He left £25,000 each to Magdalene College, Cambridge, and Eton College.

Mrs Lurline Winifred Ratcliffe Brotherton, of Kirkham Abbey, North Yorkshire, Muffy Brotherton, the racehorse owner who had 255 winners under National Hunt rules and 112 on the Flat, including Freebooter which won the Grand National and Blue Raleigh at Cheltenham, left estate valued at £47,696 net.

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Ecclesiastes 4:5,6 (REB)

BIRTHS

BEDER - On 2nd September at the Royal Free Hampstead, to Felicia (née Leader) and Brendan, a son, Michael Adam.

BRENNAN - On August 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Susan (née Quinnell) and David, a much hoped for son, Joseph.

CAMPBELL - On September 4th, to Arabella (née Hunt) and James, a daughter, Marina Rose.

de SILVA - On August 20th 1994, to Joanna (née Lambert) and Jehan, a son, Joshua Kumar, a brother for Ruan.

EAKIN - On September 2nd 1994, to Petra (née Wood) and Kevin, a daughter, Katharine Patricia Antonia.

FAIRHEAD - On September 3rd 1994, to Vanessa (née Thornhill) and John, a son.

HANDLEY - On September 5th at the Wellington Hospital, to Michele (née Berla) and Ian, a beautiful daughter, a sister for Blake.

HEATON - On August 13th at King's College, to Angela (née Woolgar) and Jonathan, a daughter, Lucy Josephine.

MARTIN - On August 29th, to Nicky and William, a daughter, Araminta Molly, a sister for Charles.

MAXWELL-JONES - On September 1st 1994, to Sandra and James, a daughter, Olivia Hannah, a sister for Piers.

PERKS - On 5th September 1994, to Betty (née Butler) and Edward, a daughter, Sophie Maria Katharine, a sister for Candida and Lawrence. Deo gratias.

PICKERING - On August 31st, to Harriet and Robert, a daughter, Rose Madeleine Lucinda, a sister for Dickie and Ralph.

RAINBOW - On 31st August 1994, to Serena (née Constantine) and Stephen, a beautiful daughter, Jessica Louise Sorrell, a sister for Emily.

SANDO - On September 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah Havens and Gregg Sando, a son, Dominic Tucker, a brother for Nicholas.

SCROPE - On Wednesday 31st August 1994, to Penny (née Davies) and Peter, a son, Thomas (Tom) Henry Aloysius, a brother for Alexandra, Victoria, Edward and Henrietta. Deo Gratias.

SWEET-ESCOTT - On August 30th in Madrid, to Rosamond (née Thonger) and Tom, a daughter, Katherine Grace, a sister to Eleanor.

BIRTHS

TAVERNER - On September 5th 1994, to Deborah and Marcus, a daughter, Eleanor Mary, a sister for Rebecca, Richard and Isabella.

WHOWELL - On 2nd September 1994, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington (many thanks to all the staff), to Joyce (née Grassie) and Jonathan, a daughter, Stephanie Nelfa.

WYMAN - On 4th September 1994, to Suzanne (née Accosta) and Bill, a beautiful daughter, Katharine Noelle.

DEATHS

ARMSTRONG - On Sunday September 4th 1994, peacefully at St Thomas', Mark aged 30, brave and loving husband of Kristen, brother of Samantha and son of Rosemary and the late Flt Lt Colin Armstrong. Mark was a special friend to many and will be greatly missed by all. Service will be held at St Peter's Church, Little Rissington, Gloucestershire, on Friday September 9th at 2.30 pm. Flowers to the Church or donations to a charity of your choice.

ARTON - Henry George, formerly of Canada and Czechoslovakia, on 2nd September, died peacefully and with great dignity after a courageous fight against Motor Neurone Disease. Beloved husband of Honor and much loved father to Susie, Patsy, Cathy and George. Grandfather to James, Charles, Richard and Tamara, brother and uncle. Funeral Service to be held on Friday 9th September at St Luke's Church at 11.30 am, proceeding to Putney Vale Crematorium at 12.30 pm. Enquiries to Chelsea Funeral Directors, 260B Fulham Road, Chelsea SW10 9EL, tel: (071) 352-0008.

BURNS - Philip (Cyril Joseph) on 3rd September 1994 at Queen Mary's University Hospital, Roehampton. Much loved husband of Mary and father of Paul, Ursula, Angela and Jane. Requiem Mass at St Mary Magdalene, Mortlake SW14, on Thursday 8th September at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the Friends of Barnes Hospital, South Worple Way, SW14.

DEATHS

CADBURY - On Friday September 2nd 1994, so peacefully after much forbearance, Alan aged 87, of Haffield, Ledbury. Dearly loved husband of Jane, loving and much loved father of Sarah, Christina, Belinda, Joanna and Amanda, grandfather and great-grandfather. Private cremation, Service of Thanksgiving at St Michael and All Angels Church, Ledbury, Herefordshire, at 3pm on Friday September 9th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired in aid of Crossroads for Carers or Artists General Benevolent Institution may be sent to F.B. & H. Hawcutt Funeral Directors, Holmesdale, Newbury Park, Ledbury, Herefordshire.

CHAMBERLAIN - In Edinburgh, George Digby, CMG, husband of the late Christina Miller (née Holmes). Funeral has taken place.

CHANCE - Fiona Henrietta Clarke, ARICS (née Chapman) aged 28 years. Tragically by motor accident on 30th August in Zimbabwe. Beloved wife of James, dearly loved daughter of Denis and Mavis Chapman, and sister of Lisa and Robert. Funeral today 6th September in Harare.

COLDSTREAM - On September 1st, peacefully in the Esperance Hospital, Eastbourne, Betty aged 92 years. Cremation at Eastbourne Crematorium on Friday 9th September at 11.15 am. Cut flowers from family only please. Enquiries to Serenity Funeral Directors, 43 South Street, Eastbourne. tel: (0323) 736446.

CREWS - Sydney James FRCS, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather, died peacefully on 3rd September 1994. Funeral Service at St George's, Edgbaston, at 1.30pm Monday 12th September. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St Mary's Hospice, Raddlebarn Road, Birmingham 29.

GIBBS - Percy William, dearly beloved husband of Daphne and father of Michael, Anthony and Melanie, passed away peacefully on August 31st 1994 in Perth, Western Australia.

GOODWIN - On September 1st, 1994, his 80th birthday, very tragically in Scotland, David Ivor of Heath, Canterbury, Kent. A gentle, loving and dearly loved husband of June, father of Angela, Yvonne and Valerie and grandfather to his six grandchildren. Deeply mourned by all his family and many friends. All enquiries to C.W. Lyons and Son Ltd., tel: (0227) 463508.

DEATHS

GOUGH - Elinor Marjorie (Nell), peacefully on September 3rd aged 91. Funeral Brixton Deverill Church, midday Friday 9th September. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to British Red Cross c/o F. Curtiss, 11 Portway, Warminster.

HAMERSMA - Cyril aged 75, Artist and Inventor of "The Squircle", died on 3rd September 1994 in the Renal Unit, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, after a long and painful illness bravely and cheerfully borne. Sadly missed by his wife Joyce, daughters Clare, Theresa, Bernie and Frances, and his nine grandchildren. Donations, if wished, the above hospital.

HOLMES - On 4th September, peacefully at home, Joan, of Chipping Norton, beloved mother of Harriet and Matthew. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Chipping Norton, on Friday 9th September at 2 pm. Family flowers. Donations to Lee Abbey, Linton, c/o Sole & Son, Bidston Close, Over Norton, OX7 5PP.

KEMP - On September 2nd in hospital, Harry aged 82 years, of Crediton, Devon. Father of Lindsay and Hugh and grandfather of Eva, Peter and Isobel. Funeral Service at Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Thursday September 8th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please.

MADDISON - On September 4th peacefully, John Maddison M.B.E., aged 86 of East Budleigh, Devon. President of Honour of The International Film & Television Council. Much loved husband of Flora. Father of Peter, father-in-law of Una and dear grandfather of Penny, Laura and Holly. Funeral at All Saint's Church, East Budleigh, Friday September 9th at 11am. No flowers please, donations in lieu if desired to Friends of UNESCO c/o Dr. M. Goldsmith, 5 Ladywell Court, London NW1 1AH.

MILLINGTON - On September 3rd 1994, peacefully in Cheltenham, Lindsay Millington aged 89 years of Bishops Cleeve, previously of Crawley, Winchester. Private cremation, family flowers only. Thanksgiving Service to be announced later.

MILLINGTON-DRAKE - On September 5th on the island of Patmos, Teddy, beloved son of the late Sir Eugen and Lady Effie Millington-Drake and dearly loved uncle, great-uncle and friend. The funeral has taken place in Patmos.

DEATHS

NORTON - On Saturday September 3rd, Charles, adored husband of Sue and father of Anthony, Julian, Marina and Josephine, stepfather of Michael and Charles Joubert, grandfather of Bertie and Georgina Ishbel and Guy. Magnificently on his horse at Morton in Marsh Show. Funeral Service to take place at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Shipton-under-Wychwood, on Saturday September 10th at 3 pm. Enquiries to E. Taylor & Son, tel: (0993) 842421.

SABEL - On September 2nd 1994, Tim, the loving and much loved son of June and Bob Sabel and brother to Susan and Lynne. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Wednesday September 14th at 2.30 pm. Floral tributes together with any enquiries to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY, tel: (0483) 67333.

SHUTTLEWORTH - On September 4th 1994 after a long illness, bravely borne, Idonea. Dear wife of the late William and much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral on Tuesday September 13th at 2.30 pm at Stoke St Milborough. Enquiries to A. Hoskins & Son, Funeral Directors, Ludlow, tel: (0584) 872048.

STILES - On Friday September 2nd 1994, peacefully at home in London, Peter Alexander, aged 47 years. Cremation will take place in the West Chapel at Golders Green Crematorium at 3 pm on Wednesday September 7th. All friends welcome. Flowers to Leverton & Sons, London N7, tel: (071) 284-3389.

STONE - J. Rex, on 3rd September in his 76th year, of Cressbrook, Derbyshire, formerly of Hampstead. Devoted husband of Jean and highly indulgent father of Lee. Funeral at St John's Church, Cressbrook, 3 pm Friday 9th September. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Edenhall, Hampstead.

SUTER - Ian Roy, aged 69 years, of Lewes, Sussex, in hospital at Brighton, on Tuesday 30th August. Peacefully, after a long illness. Cremation at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton, at 4 pm on Friday 9th September.

DEATHS

THOMAS - On August 31st 1994 in Cardiff, Brinley, retired Professor of Economics U.C.W., Cardiff. Husband of Cynthia, father of Patricia, father-in-law of Ray, grandfather of Bethan and Megan, brother of Margaret, Mair (USA), Carmen (NZ) and the late Edgar. He will be much missed by all family and friends. Funeral Service at Eglwys Y Crwys, 77 Richmond Road, Cardiff, on Friday September 9th at 11.45am and afterwards at Thornhill Crematorium at 1pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation (Welsh Appeal), Brighton House, Temple Street, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 5DL. Enquiries to James Summers Funeral Directors, tel: (0222) 484506.

WHYTE - On September 3rd at St Joseph's Hospice, London, Dr. Nicholas Whyte aged 48, Family Doctor, late of Kaius College, Cambridge and St Bartholomew's Hospital. Beloved husband of Marion, elder son of Mary and the late Alexander (Sandy) Whyte of Charlton Kings, Cheltenham and dear brother, uncle and son-in-law. Private cremation. Requiem at St Joseph's on Friday 9th September at 5.30pm and at Sacred Hearts, Cheltenham, on Friday 16th September at 2pm. No flowers but donations to Huntingtons Disease Association, 108 Battersea High Street, SW11 3HP or ring (071) 223-7000.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

PAGET - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lady Paget (Nancy) will be held at All Saints Church, Lubenham, at 3.30 pm on Friday September 30th.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

HEREN - Anton Robert (Bob), Pte, 1st Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. Died at Hove, 6th September 1914, of wounds suffered in action near the Mons-Condé Canal on August 22nd. The first soldier of the Great War to die in Britain. Requiescat in pacem.

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SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

FRENCH:SHAW - On September 6th 1969 at St Mary's Church, Beverley, Yorkshire, Peter and Judy.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MARSHALL - Dr. Donald Marshall and family wish to thank all the friends who have expressed their love, sympathy and support following the sudden death on August 19th 1994 of Bridget; her former students and other staff at Ysbyty Gwynedd who helped to care for her there; and the many who came to Bangor Cathedral to celebrate her life on August 26th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. JUDE Holy St. Jude apostle and martyr great in virtue and rich in miracles, kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all those who invoke your special prayer in times of need, to you I have recourse from the depths of my heart, I humbly beg you to come to my assistance, please help me now, in my urgent need and grant my petition, on return I promise to make your name known and publish this prayer. Sacred heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. Say this prayer nine times daily for nine days, publish on eighth day thanks for prayers answered.

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OBITUARIES

LORD BONHAM-CARTER

Lord Bonham-Carter, publisher and politician, died on September 4 aged 72. He was born on February 11, 1922.

LORD BONHAM-CARTER, died of a sudden heart attack on Sunday evening while on holiday in the south of Italy. He was latterly Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman in the House of Lords, and a prominent and trenchant commentator on a wide range of issues. Earlier he had been the first chairman of the Race Relations Board and vice-chairman of the BBC.

Born into the Liberal purple but not living his most active years in a Liberal age, Mark Bonham Carter, despite these achievements, had to face considerable frustrations. He never had the opportunity to exercise what would undoubtedly have been his high talent for government. For different reasons there was a sense, as with his legendary uncle Raymond Asquith, of opportunity not fully matching ability.

Perhaps Bonham Carter's greatest achievement was to surmount any such disappointments with a continuing zest and gaiety. He exhibited the rare gift of widening his intellectual interests as he grew older, and the even rarer one of fortifying his cutting-edge with an increasing radicalism. Like Gladstone and few others he moved to the left, although without ever changing his party, as the decades went by. Sometimes his irascibility towards those of whom he did not approve increased as well, but overall the result was a final phase remarkably free from sourness and discouragement, and fertile in constructive contribution to public policy.

Mark Raymond Bonham Carter (created a life peer as Lord Bonham-Carter in 1986) was the third child and elder son of Sir Maurice Bonham Carter and his wife Violet, the only daughter by his first marriage of H. H. Asquith, later 1st Earl of Oxford and Asquith, the last Prime Minister of a Liberal Government. Violet Asquith, who perhaps reached the highest notes of any female orator yet heard in British politics, achieved fame and didactic authority first as Lady Violet Bonham Carter and then as Baroness Asquith of Yarnbury, a 1964 life peer. Asquith himself was still alive for only four of Mark's childhood years, but this was enough for several Bonham Carter summers to be spent in a house alongside the Wharf at Sutton Courtenay, and his second wife, the (fortunately) indomitable Margot, survived until the end of the Second World War.

Mark Bonham Carter, like his father and his five Asquith uncles, went to Winchester and Balliol. His Oxford time was interrupted by war service in the Grenadiers. Twenty-two months of training and waiting culminated in an ill-directed and murderous 22-hour battle on the Mareth Line in Tunisia. Bonham Carter wrote and published a vivid 50th anniversary account of the near disaster. There, in March 1943, 14 officers of the 6th Grenadier Battalion were killed, and another seven wounded. The lucky ones, including Bonham Carter, were taken prisoner and gradually transported to a German prison camp near Modena in the north of Italy, from where, six months after the battle, three of them escaped.

One procured a bicycle and decided to make for the Swiss frontier. He was shot before he got over it. The other two, Bonham Carter and a regular Grenadier, then a major, decided on what seemed the more formidable but turned out to be the safer course. They walked down 500 miles of the peninsula until they reached the British lines near Bari. They moved mainly during the chilly nights of a dry autumn, and it took the whole of a month. They together overcame this great challenge of hazard and effort in amity and close companionship. But with great irony and illustrating how different are the friendships of circumstance from those of affinity, when they later met after a gap of years, they found they had little to say to each other.

Indirectly out of these adventures, however, Bonham Carter developed a more permanent group of friendships. As an escaped prisoner of war he was sent back to the Brigade of Guards depot at Windsor for a period of rest and recovery. While there he became a frequent guest at the Castle, and a continuing friend of the



three surviving members of what was then the small and close-knit core of the royal family. The present Queen (then Princess Elizabeth and aged 17) recently described to a friend of Bonham Carter's how it was rather dull at Windsor during the war and that the arrival of Mark, who made a lot of good jokes, cheered them all up.

In the early postwar years he was several times an autumn visitor to Balmoral and is said to have been particularly successful both at sliding down the bannisters to arrive at the feet of a marble statue of Prince Albert and at striking just the right note to appeal to the keen but simple sense of humour of King George VI. His sporting success was less marked. On one occasion he lightly winged one of the King's detectives and was taken off shooting game birds and sent deer-stalking alone with a ghillie.

Perhaps inevitably there were rumours at this stage of a possible matrimonial romance with Princess Margaret. Although it came to nothing, as was indeed almost certainly fortunate for it is difficult to imagine anyone less temperamentally suited to be a royal consort than Bonham Carter, he was undoubtedly a key figure in the fashionable set which centred around her during those last Georgian years.

However he kept plenty of time to develop his own interests and career. He fought the Barnstaple division of Devon at the 1945 general election; he went back to Balliol and completed his degree; he spent a year in America as a Commonwealth Fund Fellow at the University of Chicago; and he joined William Collins and Sons, and began a serious publishing career which was to be his main occupation for nearly 20 years and a fluctuating connection until the late 1980s.

In 1955 he married Leslie Nast, a very Anglicised American who had been briefly the wife of Lord St Just. She was the daughter of Condé Nast, the founder of *Vogue* and associated publications. The brittle picture conveyed by these bare facts — a young (25) divorced peeress with a background of international glossy magazines — could hardly be more misleading about Leslie Bonham Carter, a woman of exceptional warmth, sense and kindness. She already had one Grenfell (St Just) daughter and there were then three Bonham Carter ones, the whole amounting to an unusually close extended family.

In 1958 Mark Bonham Carter got the only lucky political break in his life, and seized it with verve. As candidate at Torrington he achieved the first Liberal by-election victory since the 1920s. His majority was only 219 and it gave him no more than 18 months' tenure for it did not hold against the Macmillan success in the 1959 general election. In the House of Commons, at a time when his sister Laura's husband Jo Grimond was leading his troops "towards the sound of gunfire" in the first wave of Liberal revival, Bonham Carter achieved a good short-term impact but was much struck by the hostility with which old Tory acquaintances treated the usurper of one of their seats. It underpinned his position as a "realignment of the left" man.

In 1964 he was again unsuccessful at Torrington and thereafter abandoned constituency contests although not his political interest or his radical commitment. In 1966 he accepted appointment as the first chairman of the Race Relations Board, which had been set up with very limited powers under the somewhat weak Act of 1965. However the new Home Secretary encouraged Bonham Carter not only to exploit his existing powers to the full but also to campaign for a stronger legislative framework, which was enacted in 1968.

Perhaps surprisingly in view of his acerbity and occasional impatience, Bonham Carter proved a great success as a race relations administrator and campaigner. It was a liberal and optimistic hour in this field compared with subsequent difficulties, but Bonham Carter rode this favourable current with a mixture of hard-headedness and commitment which few others could have commanded. He was also an excellent picker of staff. In 1971, following an amalgamation of the Race Relations Board, which was concerned with legal enforcement, and the Community Relations Council, which was more concerned with fostering goodwill, he became chairman of the new joint Commission and remained at this post until 1977.

From 1975 to 1980 when he was vice-chairman of the BBC he worked amicably under Edward Heath's nominee as chairman, Michael (Lord) Swann, to uphold the traditional values of a politically independent and public service rather than commercially-orientated Corporation. This experience made him a trenchant critic of Thatcherite broadcasting policy. From 1958 to 1982 he was a director of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, taking a particular interest in the ballet.

Although he did not contemplate fighting another parliamentary seat, Bonham Carter was from the first days of the SDP an enthusiastic supporter of its alliance and ultimate merger with the Liberal Party. He was active on the ground at by-elections and in other campaigns. He was as natural a choice for a Liberal life peerage as his mother had been a quarter of a century earlier, and was a more engaged performer on the floor of the House of Lords. His combination of social self-confidence and critical intelligence made him an exceptionally effective critic of government policies in that forum. After the merger of the two parties in 1988 he became Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman and a leading member of that party's front bench. He was a wholly committed European, but his active interests also ranged from Poland to Hong Kong as well as taking in many domestic issues. His health was not perfect in the 1990s, but he did not allow this to prevent his continuing to be one of the most active, and therefore now most sadly missed, members of the second chamber.

Inside and outside politics, he had a wide range of devoted friends. He is survived by his wife, stepdaughter and three daughters.

MAJOR-GENERAL RICHARD WHEELER

Major-General Richard Wheeler, CB, CBE, Major-General Royal Artillery of Northern Army Group and BAOR, 1958-61, died on August 28 aged 87. He was born on November 2, 1906.

"SQUEALER": Wheeler, as he was affectionately known throughout the Army, was diminutive in stature and dynamic in personality with a lively twinkle in his eyes, a ready quip on his lips and a quick, clear intellect. He was an irrepressible enthusiast, always burrowing away at some cause or other with great technical proficiency.

His greatest achievement, for which the three Services should always be grateful, was fighting and winning the battles with the Treasury in the late 1950s over conditions of service for the all-regular forces, which replaced National Service. He was far better known, however, for his fine horsemanship and, in later life, as a teacher who voluntarily coached many young people to achieve their life's ambitions.

Richard Henry Lindon Wheeler came from a family with a long tradition of service in the Army. His father, Major H.L. Wheeler, CB, DSO, and his two uncles were regular soldiers. He was educated at Uppingham and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, where, as he himself recorded, he was at first disregarded because of his size and mediocrity at games. He was seen in a very different light when he won the coveted "Saddle" as the best horseman of his term at Woolwich in the days when the horse was the dominant influence in the Army. He was commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Artillery in 1926.



Winning the "Saddle" led to his posting to the 11th Field Brigade at Colchester, where 14 hours a day were spent caring for the horses with the aim of having fatter, fitter and better-groomed mounts than any other unit. All officers hunted, but were highly professional and were expected to know the artillery drill books, contents of limbers, measurements of saddlery and so forth by heart. Squealer's horsemanship was such that he passed the advanced course at the Army School of Equitation at Weedon and was given his Royal Horse Artillery "Jacket" with D Battery, 3rd Brigade RHA in 1930.

In the early 1930s the various branches of the Royal Artillery (field, horse, coast defence, etc) were amalgamated and officers had to be able to serve anywhere. Wheeler went from the sublime to the ridiculous when he was posted to the 7th Heavy Brigade in Malaya in 1934, and to the 9th Heavy Brigade in Singapore a year later. He returned to England in 1937 to instruct at the Royal Military Academy.

After attending the Staff College in 1940, he was appointed Brigade Major RA to the eclectic 50th (Tyne & Tees) Division in the Western Desert of Egypt in 1941, and he became its GSO1 when it took up its ill-fated defensive position at the northern end of the Gazala Line in June 1942. He was captured near Tobruk while organising the breakout of the division from Rommel's encirclement after the British armour had been defeated and the Eighth Army was in full retreat to El Alamein.

Wheeler was a prisoner of war in Italy in Camp 21 near Chieti, in the Abruzzi region, not far from the Adriatic coast. When Italy capitulated in October 1943, he escaped to Switzerland. From there he helped the Swiss War Office to organise the return of other escapees to England. He did not get home himself for another year, when he was lucky enough to be welcomed back into his old job as GSO1 of 50th Division in time to take part in the liberation of Norway.

After the war he held a series of Gunner command and staff jobs at home until he was appointed deputy director of Personnel Services in the War Office in 1956, when General Sir Charles Loewen, a very popular and able Canadian, was Adjutant General. The ending of National Service after the Suez débâcle meant that the Army would have to depend in future upon the conditions of service it could offer in order to recruit enough regular officers and men to fill its units.

Wheeler was Loewen's representative in the battles with the Treasury to establish equitable conditions: index-linked pensions, biannual pay reviews to maintain comparability with civilian salaries, education allowances and widows' entitlement to half their husbands' pensions. He rose to the challenge, employing unshakeable obstinacy and enjoying pugnacious argument. The Services have much to thank him for.

His last appointment in the Army was Major-General Royal Artillery in HQ Northern Army Group and BAOR. When he retired in 1961 he took on voluntary coaching of dyslexic children, innumerates and those who required special coaching. He also became a talent scout for youngsters wishing to win Service bursaries and scholarships, and to pass the Regular Commissions Board. As a Colonel Commandant of the Royal Artillery, 1963-71, he played a much valued part in the selection of potential Gunner officers of high calibre. Any time he had to spare was devoted to organising the Blackmore Vale point-to-point and hunter trials, which he ran with great efficiency for 20 years.

In 1941 he married Iris Letitia Hope, a skilled and fearless horsewoman, who supported him throughout his career, often taking their horses with her on their many moves. She and their daughter survive him.

THE RIGHT REV JIM BISHOP

The Right Rev Jim Bishop, Bishop of Malmesbury, 1962-73, died on September 1 aged 86. He was born on June 11, 1908.

JIM BISHOP was one of the great English parish pastors, no matter whether his domain was the most urban of city parishes or in some remote, rural part of the country. Although he was a man of the utmost diffidence, he quietly wielded extraordinary influence, not only among the religious-minded, but among a mass of people who were not in the least likely to be religious.

He was the third generation of Norfolk parsons and his father and grandfather had been vicar of the same parish of Cley on the north Norfolk coast, where he was born. For obscure reasons, he was christened Clifford Leofric Purdy but he was universally known as Jim. When he wished to, he could lapse into a wonderfully broad Norfolk accent and recount marvellous descriptions of village life before the First World War.

After education at St John's School, Leatherhead, and then Christ's College, Cambridge, he trained for the ministry at Lincoln. There he first met Michael Ramsey, then a young tutor of eccentric behaviour but a person who profoundly influenced Bishop's mind.

After curacies in Walworth and Middlesbrough, he was made the vicar of St George's, Camberwell, in 1941 just as southeast London was at the mercy of the Blitz — and sleeping at nights was hard. This is the mission of Trinity College, Cambridge. In Camberwell Bishop proved to be a genius with teenagers who gathered round him and his church in plenty. For a time they also made him take charge of Newington. His is still looked back upon by people who were young then as one of the most powerful ministries ever carried out under dangerous conditions.

In 1949 he became rector of Blakeney on the Norfolk coast next to his early home. Four years later, Michael Ramsey as the new Bishop of Durham summoned him to the key parish of Bishop Wearmouth. He was found to be as effective with northerners as he had been with Londoners. In 1962 Ramsey consecrated him to be Bishop of Malmesbury, the suffragan bishop to the Bishop of Bristol who was Oliver Tomkins and of whom he became a close friend. He was at the same time a canon of Bristol. He found it comic to be Bishop Bishop.

In 1949 he married Ivy Adams, a member of the Camberwell congregation, and they had five children. It was a famously happy family life. At the age of 65, with a sure homing instinct, he retired to his birthplace, Cley-next-Sea. There the family lived on top of a high hill from which they could see four local parish churches. Almost at once the rector of three of the parishes died and he found himself in charge of three little country parishes for three years. This became an event in the life of the villages; a certain vitality returned to the community, with cricket on the village green and the entire community turning out to sing carols in the Christmas snow. No better sermons were ever preached in a modern village. He had an affection for the human race so evident that its warmth could be felt a long way from the pulpit.

Bishop was an individual of many facets: a man of prayer; valued as a conductor of retreats; without an enemy in the world; esteemed even by reprobates in the bars; a person with a delicious sense of humour. In his last years he came across the ecumenical religious order, the Focolare, and both he and his wife became strong supporters of its unobtrusive work for the world.

He is survived by his wife and five children.

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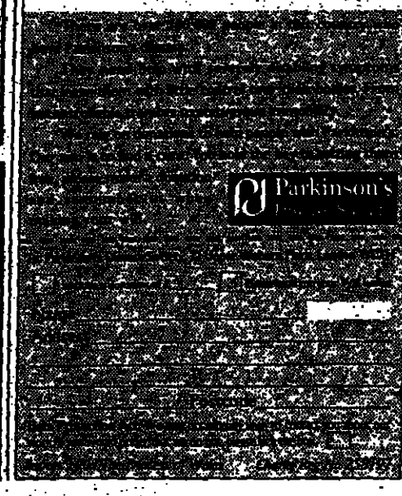
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Wilhelmina, Queen of the Netherlands (1880-1962) was the only daughter of William III and succeeded him in 1890; her mother acted as regent until Wilhelmina came of age at 18.

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QUEEN WILHELMINA'S ABDICATION

AMSTERDAM, SEPT. 5

The reign of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands ended yesterday after 50 years, and that of her daughter, Queen Juliana, began. At half past eleven in the morning Queen Wilhelmina signed her act of abdication, and a little later came out upon the balcony of the palace to tell the waiting crowds what she had done and, with them, to cry "Long live the Queen!" ...

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"I declare," ran the Queen's statement, "that after long and mature consideration, influenced by nobody, I from this moment forward do completely, voluntarily, and irrevocably abdicate my royal authority, dignity, and prerogatives in the kingdom, and transfer these to my beloved daughter, Juliana, Princess of the Netherlands, Princess of Orange-Nassau, &c., &c., ... to be possessed by her and her legal heirs according to the regulations of the constitution of the kingdom."

People were waiting in dense crowds in the square outside, a sea of upturned faces amid the waving of flags and orange favours; and it was then, speaking to them briefly and bravely, that the old Queen, standing between the new Queen and her son-in-law, made her real act of abdication and farewell before passing into the quietness and privacy of retirement ...

THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Union warning for Labour

■ A senior union leader will fire a warning shot over Tony Blair's plans to distance Labour from the union movement at the TUC conference today. As Mr Blair prepares to meet trade union bosses in Blackpool John Edmonds will deliver a strong attack on politicians who want to weaken Labour's links with its industrial wing.

Mr Blair is poised to tell union leaders that he supports a more arms-length relationship in which neither Labour nor the unions are dependent upon each other ..... **Pages 1, 12**

Fine art for the birds

■ Forget the £7.6 million said to be needed to keep Canova's *The Three Graces* out of the hands of the Getty Museum in California. Nip down your garden centre and you can have one for £64.50 — with a birdbath on top ..... **Page 1**

Adams visa appeal

John Major is to urge President Clinton to refuse a visa for Gerry Adams until Britain is satisfied that the IRA has renounced violence for good..... **Pages 1, 2**

Shipyard blow

Receivers to Swan Hunter, the struggling Tyneside shipyard, said that the French company trying to buy the yard had withdrawn their offer ..... **Page 1**

Booker prize

Jill Paton Walsh whose novel, *Knowledge of Angels*, was turned down by 14 British publishers got the ultimate revenge when it was shortlisted for this year's £20,000 Booker Prize ..... **Pages 1, 3**

Housing target

Jonathan Aitken, the new right-wing Treasury Chief Secretary, singled out the £9 billion-a-year housing benefit bill as a prime target for cuts as the annual public spending round comes to a climax ..... **Page 2**

Fatal exercise

An Army safety official was shot dead by a soldier while on a "live fire" military exercise, an inquest was told ..... **Page 5**

11-year-old tests

Compulsory national tests for 11-year-olds will go ahead next summer alongside a £29 million scheme for external markers designed to sidestep the teachers' boycott ..... **Page 6**

Fighting porn

The computer games industry has set up a unit to combat the spread of hard-core pornography through computers in the home and in schools..... **Page 7**

Air battle

A bitter dispute broke out between rival American and British defence companies over a multi-million-pound contract to build a new RAF transport plane. **Page 8**

Human challenge

Big changes are needed if humanity is to survive, Dr Anne McLaren said in her presidential address to the conference of the British Association for the Advancement of Science..... **Page 10**

EU plan anger

A German plan to speed up European integration has sparked controversy in Bonn and dismay among some of Germany's partners ..... **Page 15**

Election turmoil

Presidential elections in Brazil have been thrown into turmoil following allegations that economic figures were doctored to help Fernando Henrique Cardoso, the government-backed candidate ..... **Page 16**

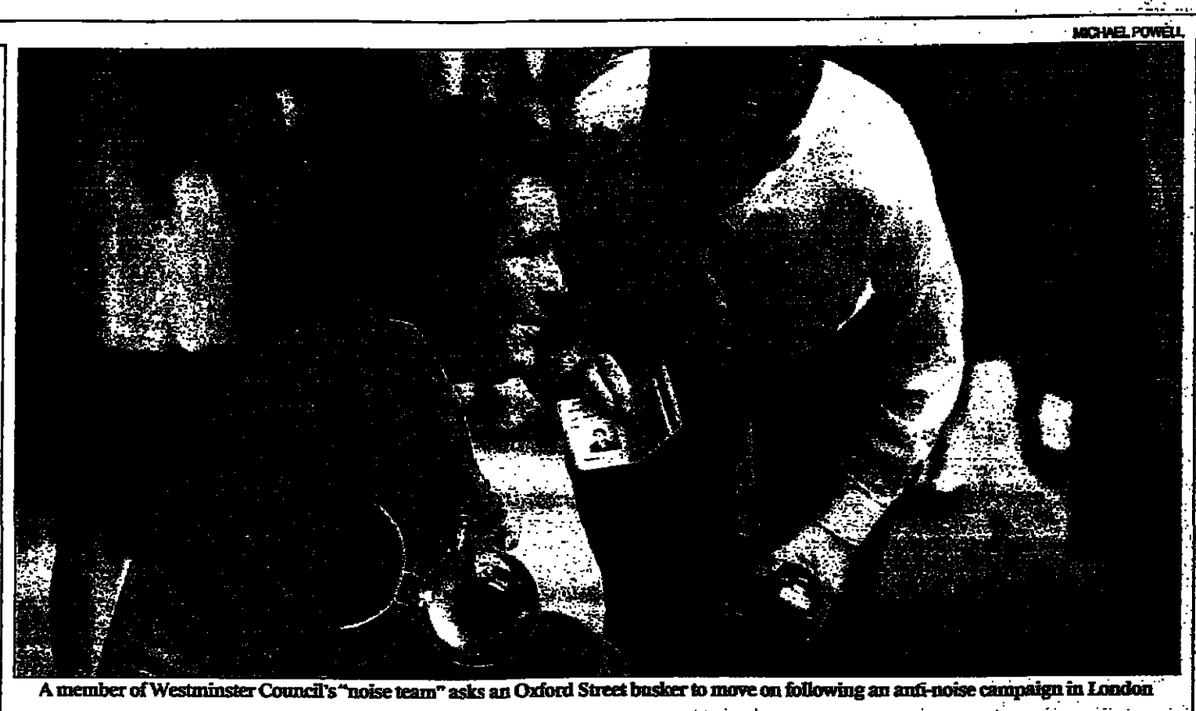
Hostage crisis

King Sihanouk threw negotiations for the release of three Western hostages into disarray by suggesting that the Khmer Rouge be legalised..... **Page 17**

China offers flights into adventure

■ Brushing aside its appalling air safety record, China is offering cockpit rides to tourists — allowing some to take the controls. "Aeroplane rides are set to explode on the tourist scene," the *China Daily* said. The International Airline Passengers Association has said that China's domestic airlines are the world's most dangerous ..... **Page 17**

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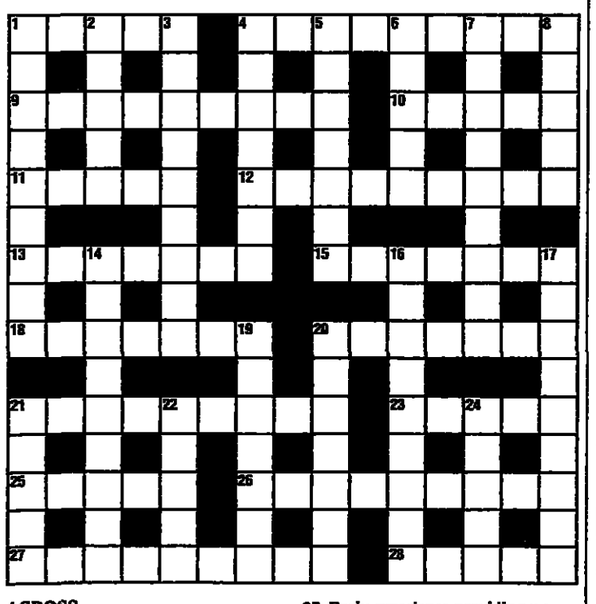
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Mansion, Kent 22C (72F); lowest day max: Sumburgh and Fair Isle, Shetland 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland 0.71in. highest sunshine: Guernsey 7.3hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** southern parts of England and Wales, including East Anglia and the Midlands, will have a wet morning, followed by a brighter afternoon with sunshine and showers.

North Wales and northern England will have a mixture of sunshine and showers throughout the day.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunny intervals and showers, frequent and heavy at times, especially in the west.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia:** rain in morning; brighter with sunny spells during afternoon. Wind variable or southeast becoming southwest light or moderate. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Cent S England, Midlands, SW England, S Wales:** sunshine and scattered showers after a wet morning. Wind variable becoming southwesterly moderate. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Channel Isles:** misty with rain and drizzle, perhaps brighter later. Wind southwesterly moderate, perhaps fresh. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **E England, Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny intervals and showers, some heavy and prolonged. Wind south or southeast moderate or fresh. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lakes, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, N Ireland:** sunny intervals, frequent showers, some heavy with hail and thunder. Wind south or southwest moderate or fresh, perhaps strong. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland:** frequent and heavy showers, some hail and thunder, a few sunny intervals. Wind south fresh or strong, perhaps gale force. Max 15C (59F).

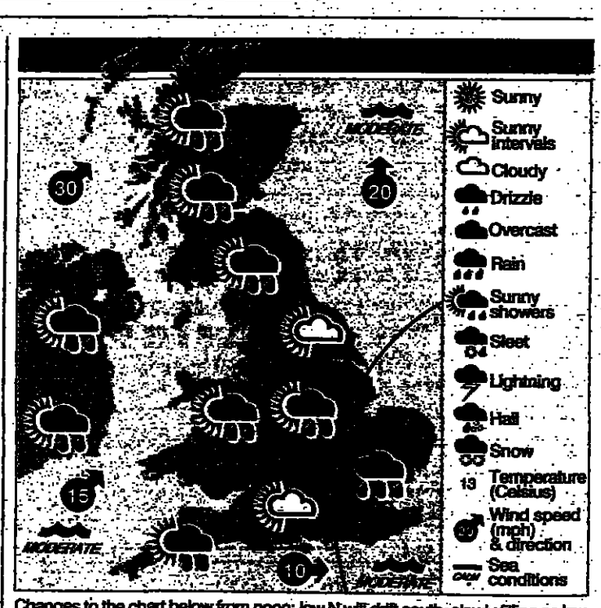
☐ **Outlook:** sunshine and showers, most frequent and heavy in the north.

24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; h=hail; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; ds=dust storm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.3	0.20	19	66	c	Liverpool	1.4	0.18	17	63	r
Anglesey	-	0.18	15	59	r	London	6.4	0.09	20	68	b
Aspatria	3.1	0.30	17	63	r	Lowestoft	5.7	0.04	22	72	b
Aviemore	2.0	0.16	16	61	r	Manchester	1.9	0.11	17	63	r
Belfast	1.5	0.02	17	63	sh	Minehead	0.7	0.07	19	66	c
Birmingham	4.0	0.02	18	64	s	Morecambe	2.4	0.46	17	63	r
Bognor R	3.1	0.03	20	68	b	Newcastle	4.1	0.25	18	64	r
Bournem'th	4.7	-	19	66	s	Newquay	0.6	0.13	18	64	r
Bristol	2.2	0.04	18	64	r	Norwich	5.2	0.02	20	68	s
Buxton	1.8	0.19	15	59	sh	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	1.1	0.03	18	64	c	Oxford	X				
Clacton	5.1	0.08	22	72	s	Penzance	X	0.18	18	64	r
Cleethorpes	5.5	0.12	18	64	b	Plymouth	2.1	0.02	17	63	d
Colwyn Bay	1.8	0.24	18	64	sh	Poole	4.2	0.02	21	70	c
Cromer	5.3	0.04	19	66	s	Prestatyn	X	0.14	17	63	sh
Doncaster	4.9	0.02	19	66	r	Ross-o-wye	5.2	0.01	18	64	s
Dunbar	2.4	0.50	18	64	b	Ryde	3.5	0.01	21	70	b
Eastbourne	1.8	0.05	19	66	c	Salcombe	3.4	0.06	18	64	b
Edinburgh	2.2	0.32	18	64	r	Sandown	4.1	0.01	20	68	s
Eskdalemuir	0.8	0.28	14	57	d	Saunton Snd	0.2	0.02	17	63	c
Exmouth	2.1	0.15	17	63	c	Scarboro'	X	-			
Falmouth	X	0.04	17	63	d	Scilly Isles	1.2	0.02	17	63	d
Fishguard	0.8	0.12	15	59	r	Shanklin	3.6	0.06	19	66	b
Folkestone	3.8	0.29	20	68	b	Shrewsbury	3.7	0.07	18	64	r
Glasgow	0.9	0.02	16	61	r	Skegness	X	0.04	19	66	s
Guernsey	7.3	0.01	19	66	s	Southend	6.1	0.10	21	70	b
Hastings	1.7	0.08	19	66	c	Southport	1.4	0.28	16	61	r
Hayling I.	3.6	0.02	20	68	b	Southsea	-		20	68	c
Herne Bay	3.4	0.15	22	72	c	Stornoway	0.8	0.28	14	57	r
Hove	4.5	0.05	19	66	c	Swanage	3.6	0.01	19	66	b
Hunstanton	X	0.03	18	64	b	Teignmouth	3.5	0.02	19	66	c
Isle of Man	1.9	0.27	16	61	r	Tenby	-	0.05	16	61	d
Jersey	5.5	0.02	19	66	b	Tiree	1.2	0.10	16	61	r
Kinloss	2.8	0.11	18	64	sh	Torquay	3.0	0.02	18	64	b
Leeds	1.5	0.02	17	63	c	Tynemouth	4.9	0.10	17	63	c
Lerwick	-	0.31	13	55	r	Ventnor	4.2	0.05	19	66	b
Leuchars	2.1	0.20	18	64	r	Weymouth	4.5	0.01	18	64	c
Littlehmptn	2.7	0.05	20	68	c	These are Sunday's figures					

Ajaccio	26	79	s	C'phagn	16	61	f	Majorca	22	72	f	Rome	27	81	f
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Corfu	29	84	s	Malaga	28	79	s	Salzburg	23	73	s
Alex'dria	28	82	f	Dublin	14	57	f	Malta	29	84	s	S P'tlaco	21	70	s
Algiers	27	81	f	Dubrovnik	26	79	s	Melb'rne	12	54	c	Santiago	25	79	s
Amst'dm	17	63	f	Faro	27	81	s	Mexico C	18	64	f	S Paulo	17	63	c
Athens	30	86	s	Florence	29	84	s	Miami	34	93	f	Seoul	27	81	s
Bahrain	38	97	s	Frankfurt	18	64	c	Milan	28	82	s	Sing'por	31	88	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Funchal	25	77	s	Montreal	19	66	s	Stkholm	12	54	r
Barbados	30	86	f	Geneva	24	75	s	Moscow	19	66	s	Strasb'rg	21	70	f
Barcelona	27	81	s	Gibraltar	28	73	f	Munich	21	70	f	Sydney	23	73	s
Beirut	29	84	f	Helsinki	17	63	f	Nairobi	20	68	c	Tangier	29	84	s
Belgrade	25	77	f	Hong K	30	86	c	Naples	28	84	f	Tel Aviv	28	82	s
Berlin	15	59	r	Innsbruck	21	70	f	N Delhi	34	93	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Bermuda	31	88	f	Istanbul	26	79	f	N York	21	70	s	Tokyo	29	84	f
Biarritz	22	72	s	Jeddah	37	99	s	Nice	27	81	s	Toronto	19	66	s
Borde'x	24	75	f	Jo'burg	X			Oslo	15	59	c	Tunis	29	84	s
Brussels	20	68	f	L.Palmas	25	77	f	Paris	21	70	f	Valencia	29	84	s
Budapst	25	77	f	Le Tquet	18	64	f	Peking	29	84	s	Vanc'ver	17	63	f
B Aires	21	70	s	Lisbon	26	82	s	Perth	20	68	s	Venice	25	77	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Locarno	24	75	f	Prague	19	66	f	Vienna	23	73	s
Cape Tn	24	75	s	L.Angels	34	75	s	Reykjavik	7	45	f	Warsaw	23	73	f
Chicago	19	66	f	Luxemb'g	14	57	r	Rhodes	29	84	s	Wash'ton	28	73	f
Ch'church	X			Luxor	39	102	s	Rio de J	22	72	f	Wel'ngton	X		
Cologne	15	59	r	Madrid	26	79	s	Riyadh	40	104	s	Zurich	22	72	s

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: low N will drift south, slowly filling as low O moves quickly northeast with little change of central pressure. High H will move east, temporarily building



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London Bridge	1.47	7.1	2.02	7.1	Liverpool	11.23	9.4	11.38	9.6
Aberdeen	1.16	4.4	1.42	4.3	Lowestoft	9.24	2.8	10.07	3.0
Avonmouth	5.18	13.4	7.35	13.6	Margate	12.01	4.8	12.09	4.9
Belfast	11.03	3.3	11.17	3.6	Milford Haven	6.12	7.1	6.23	7.3
Cardiff	7.08	12.46	7.23	12.51	Newquay	5.08	7.1	5.24	7.3
Devonport	5.25	5.4	5.12	5.6	Oban	5.57	4.0	6.06	4.1
Dover	11.02	6.9	11.19	6.8	Penzance	4.50	5.5	5.08	5.7
Falmouth	5.25	5.2	5.42	5.4	Portland	7.03	2.1	7.19	2.3
Glasgow	12.40	4.8	1.21	4.8	Portsmouth	11.55	4.1		
Harwich	11.55	4.1			Holyhead	10.22	5.6	10.38	5.9
Hull	8.15	7.58	8.43	7.58	Shoreham	11.20	6.5	11.35	6.7
Ilfracombe	6.01	9.36	6.18	9.70	Southampton	10.50	4.6	11.06	4.7
King's Lynn	6.19	7.0	6.50	6.8	Swansea	6.19	9.6	6.36	9.8
Leith	2.32	5.7	2.57	5.8	Tees	3.31	5.5	3.50	5.7
					Wilton-on-Nze	11.34	4.3		

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Sun rises: 6.21 am
Sun sets: 7.36 pm
Moon sets: 7.29 pm
Moon rises: 7.12 am
New Moon today

London 7.36 pm to 6.22 am
Bristol 7.48 pm to 6.32 am
Edinburgh 7.55 pm to 6.28 am
Manchester 7.47 pm to 6.28 am
Penzance 7.56 pm to 6.45 am

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MARTIN BEDGALL

Neville Bain, the chief executive of Coats Viyella, in Marks and Spencer's Oxford Street store. It is the retailer's largest supplier of garments

Costs war puts aerospace firms in jeopardy

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of small aerospace companies face a desperate battle for survival after a drive by the world's big planemakers to cut costs by up to 25 per cent.

Boeing launched the cost-cutting "war" in an attempt to stem continuing inroads being made into its dominant market share by Airbus Industrie, the European consortium.

The company told 3,000 companies supplying it with parts that the price of the average jet must come down from around $80 million to no more than $60 million within five years and that Boeing expected its suppliers to bear much of the burden.

Immediately Airbus, with 1,700 suppliers in 27 countries, pledged to match Boeing, and the four partners — British Aerospace (BAe), Aerospatiale, Deutsche Aerospace and CASA of Spain — passed on the same message to factories making parts for them.

Robert Alizart, of Airbus, said: "Once our competitors decided to cut costs to try and match our better performance, we had no option but to do the same. Naturally, anybody who reduces costs passes those on down the line."

With margins cut, manufacturers are determined to prevent airlines from flying their products without making regular payments for them.

BAe warned that planemakers were not prepared to go on propping up small, unprofitable airlines. Dick Evans, chief executive, said that in future, the aviation scene would probably be dominated by a relatively small group of elitist airlines. "Once the market starts picking up again, manufacturers are not going to put their balance sheets at the disposal of very shaky airlines," he said. "In the next boom period there is going to be a lot of shaking out going on and the industry could be dominated only by long-term survivors."

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Lindsay Cook

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3241.5	(+18.8)
Yield	3.87%	
FT-SE A All share	1620.76	(+7.39)
Nikkei	20409.18	(-244.65)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3885.58*	(-15.95)*
S&P Composite	470.99*	(-2.16)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	4¹¹⁄₁₆%*	(n/a)
Long Bond	100¹⁄₃₂*	(n/a)
Yield	7.48%*	(n/a)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	5¹⁄₁₆%	(5¹⁄₁₆)
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STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5475*	(n/a)
London:		
$	1.5478	(1.5475)
DM	2.4058	(2.4099)
FFr	8.2430	(8.2265)
SFr	2.0216	(8.2460)
Yen	153.63	(153.48)
£ Index	78.9	(78.8)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5550*	(n/a)
FFr	5.3255*	(n/a)
SFr	1.3065*	(n/a)
Yen	99.12*	(n/a)
$ Index	82.8*	(n/a)

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NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Oct) $15.95 ($16.30)

GOLD

London close $387.10 ($387.35)

* Denotes Friday's close

Coats wraps up £69m at half time

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

SHOPPERS who dream of buying designer fashion at high street prices can now do so thanks to Coats Viyella. The international textiles group has invested £20 million in technology in the past six months to supply the latest fashion trends to Marks and Spencer.

Coats is the biggest supplier of garments to M&S, providing knitwear, hosiery and men's and women's clothing. Sales to M&S are about £250 million a year and are growing at more than 5 per cent.

Neville Bain, chief executive, said: "Supplying M&S demands significant investment. For example, this year we have invested £12 million in the latest generation of shaped knitting machines — these allow us to satisfy the latest fashion trends but with the flexibility to adapt rapidly to future fashion changes."

He unveiled also a 10 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £69.2 million from £62.8 million in the six months to June 30. The interim dividend of 4.375p, to be paid as a foreign income dividend, is equivalent to a conventional 3.5p (3.25p).

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French withdraw offer for Swan

BY GEORGE SIVELL
ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

■ The French have withdrawn their offer for the Swan Hunter yard but have instead proposed to buy a neighbouring dry dock and to save Swan's 100-strong design team

THE French attempt to take over the Swan Hunter shipyard on Tyneside ground to a halt last night.

However, the French have made an offer for a neighbouring dry dock and made a move that could keep the Swan Hunter design team of 100 in work. They were due to be made redundant on Friday.

The French deal, which campaigners hoped would save the once-mighty shipyard, has looked increasingly unlikely in recent weeks as problems arose over agreeing a price for remaining work to be done in the yard.

After further talks yesterday, a joint statement by the receivers and the French said that no agreement could be reached and that Soffia/CMN had withdrawn. The receivers are due to meet unions at the yard this morning.

Fred Henderson, chairman of CMN's support services in the UK, said: "We have sought to find a going concern basis for the purchase of Swan Hunter."

This was in spite of Swan's failure to win a contract to refit the landing ship *Sir Bedivere*, which means there will be no work in the yard after its final frigate, *HMS Richmond*, is handed over to the Royal Navy in November.

Mr Henderson added: "Regrettably, the complete absence of work after the completion of *HMS Richmond* results in such risks and liabilities that we cannot economically purchase the business at the price the receivers require."

Price Waterhouse, the receivers which has been running the yard for the past 16 months, said CMN's offer was less than half its scrap value.

Gordon Horsefield, one of the joint receivers, said: "The gap between us was too large to bridge and in these circumstances no purpose could be served by continuing talks to sell the business to Soffia/CMN."

The statement stressed, however, that the French could yet develop a base on the Tyne. CMN has put forward a proposal to take over the Hebburn dry dock owned by Swan Hunter on the opposite side of the river to the main Wallsend yard.

If successful, it could enable CMN to place a short-term design contract with Swan which would postpone the redundancies of Swan's 100-strong design team set for Friday.

The statement added that the receivers said they were interested in the proposal and were giving it urgent consideration. The rundown of work at Swan Hunter has seen the workforce decline from about 2,500, when it went into receivership in May last year, to the present 650, which includes the design team.

Efforts have been made over recent months to keep the design team intact in the hope of bids being made for shipbuilding contracts to be placed soon, including an ocean survey vessel that the Ministry of Defence is due to order by the end of the year. But the death of the CMN bid will put the Tyne yard out of the running for that vessel.

Tommy Brennan, regional organiser for the GMB general union covering Swan Hunter, said workers would have "absolutely no chance" of finding another job.

David Clark, Labour's shadow Defence Secretary, appealed for one final effort to save the yard. "It is an absolute tragedy for the north-east of England," he said. "I think we must make one last attempt to see if local authorities and private industry in the North-East can save the yard for marine work."

Banks bag £110m profit from WPP placing

BY NEIL BENNETT, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

BANKERS to WPP, the international advertising group, made a £110 million profit yesterday when they placed 125 million shares in the company with institutional investors.

The shares were placed at 115p, an 8p discount to last night's closing price.

The placing was conducted in London and New York and brokers reported that there was strong demand for the shares.

WPP's banking syndicate originally accepted the shares two years ago in return for reducing the group's debts when it was on the verge of collapse. Since then, WPP's shares have recovered strongly as its profits have risen and the company has started paying dividends once more. This has allowed the banks, including National Westminster and JP Morgan, to take the profit.

On Friday, WPP announced that it plans to give Martin Sorrell, its chief executive, a pay and options package worth up to $2.8 million a year.

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Last gasp

The last gasp of Bunzl's divestment programme, which unwound the rapid expansion of the late 1980s, sent the specialist paper concern into the red during the first half-year's trading Page 27, Tempus 28

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Walker 'weak on accounting'

BY JON ASHWORTH



George Walker took the witness stand for the first time

GEORGE Walker, the former chairman and chief executive of Brent Walker, was a creative genius and master dealmaker who generated vast sums of money but had little grasp of basic accounting, a court heard yesterday.

The former champion boxer, taking the witness stand for the first time at Chichester Rents, Chancery Lane, on the 50th day of his trial, said he lacked the skills to attend to basic accounting at his Brent Walker leisure group. He negotiated deals relying on fast mental arithmetic, leaving basic accounting matters to others.

Mr Walker, 65, and Wilfred Aquilina, the former group finance director, are accused of fraudulently boosting group profits by some £19 million. They deny charges of theft, false accounting and conspiracy to falsify accounts.

The court heard how a chance encounter with Joan Collins was to propel Brent Walker into the big league of film-making. Miss Collins, sitting next to Mr Walker at dinner, mentioned a book by her sister, Jackie. The result was *The Stud*, which was to prove highly profitable. "It was an amazing film," Mr Walker told the jury. "It cost very little money and made a fortune."

Mr Walker's love of Gilbert and Sullivan led to a made-for-television series and the signing of contracts worth $2.5 million on a day trip to New York. "There're not many days you can sign up two deals and walk out with two and a half million dollars," he told the court.

Earlier, the court heard how Mr Walker built an empire from a single petrol station in London after retiring from professional boxing in the 1950s.

He was among the first to sell cheap petrol in Britain and launched one of London's first fast-food outlets, selling baked potatoes with a range of fillings. By the late 1980s, the group he had built spanned pubs, casinos, film-financing and property developments, including Brighton Marina and the Trocadero, in central London.

The court heard of monthly meetings in which the heads of various Brent Walker divisions were left to fight it out over available funds. Mr Walker said: "A lot of people have called that divisive, but I thought that was a good way to manage a company."

The trial continues.

Consumer lending plummets

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE immediate threat of a rise in interest rates appeared to recede yesterday after the release of government figures showing a sharp fall in consumer lending by banks, building societies and finance houses.

Net consumer lending in July, at £296 million, was well below June's record figure of £683 million. On a more reliable quarterly view, lending to consumers was £1.2 billion against £1.3 billion in the previous three months.

There was also a bigger than expected fall in the rate of growth of M0, the narrow measure of notes and coins in circulation in the economy, to 6.2 per cent last month from 6.5 per cent in July.

The Central Statistical Office said the fall in consumer lending was largely accounted for by a net repayment of £35 million on bank credit cards, after net lending of £267 million in June. Net lending by building societies fell to £7 million in July from £24 million in June.

There was lower net lending by finance houses of £324 million in July, down from £392 million in June.

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Banks 'offer best hope of creating jobs'

BY ROBERT MILLER

BANKS ought to be more responsive to the needs of small and medium-sized businesses as the "only way to create desperately needed jobs in the UK". Sir Brian Pearse, the former chief executive of Midland Bank, said.

Addressing a Chartered Institute of Bankers seminar in Cambridge, Sir Brian, who is also the chairman-designate of Lucas Industries, said: "With the Government's attempts to reduce the welfare state, the best hope for new jobs must lie with the banks. They will need to be much more flexible in providing fixed-rate loans and considering equity stakes."

Denying altruism, Sir Brian added that a more flexible approach would also suit the banks. He said: "Unemployed people, sadly, are unable to buy the banks' products or make a real contribution to the economy, which in turn makes the public sector borrowing requirement more intractable." He sounded a warning on job prospects: "I hardly ever speak to a company employing more than 400 to 500 people which does not think it will be employing fewer people in five years' time."

Job cuts and branch closures would continue in banking, Sir Brian said, and the franchising of products to retailers, rather than the opening of branches in supermarket locations, was a distinct possibility.

"High on the list of any retail banking chief executive must be the size and shape of the bank network," he said. For example, he pointed to the likely development of technology such as enhanced cash machines, debit and credit cards, smart cards, telephone banking and interactive TV home banking and secondly, the shape of the high street.

As examples of the way in which high street shopping was changing, he cited out-of-town hypermarkets, food superstores and retail warehouses, which had increased sales from £2.5 billion in 1980 to £33 billion in 1992.

Car ownership had risen from 57 per cent in 1975 to 68 per cent in 1991. More significantly, two-car homes were up from 9 to 19 per cent in the same period.

Sir Brian said the use of cash was still surprisingly high. He concluded: "We will never become the cashless society which we once dreamt about."

More redundancies likely at Carlton

SPECULATION was mounting last night that Carlton UK Television would today announce redundancies of about 100 employees, as a result of its £758 million takeover of Central Independent Television last year. It is expected most of the job losses will be born by Central and they will include some senior executives. It is understood a reshuffle of executive positions at Central Television will also be announced.

The move, which has been expected for some months, is part of a drive to cut annual costs by £10 million and eliminate duplication of services after the merger. Just under 50 jobs were lost at Central last November and four went at Carlton Television immediately after the agreed takeover. Staff at both companies are to be called to a meeting this morning. The announcement is expected to be made by a video link that will join employees at Central's Birmingham, Nottingham, Abingdon and London operations to those in Carlton's London headquarters.

Britannia surges 64%

A SHARP fall in mortgage arrears helped to boost half-time pre-tax profits at Britannia Building Society by 64 per cent to £46.8 million. Interest receivable grew 16 per cent to £88.2 million. Income from other sources, including insurance sales and estate agency, rose 12.9 per cent to £27.2 million. Bad debt provisions fell 22 per cent to £17 million. John Heaps, chief executive, said the "very strong" first half was achieved in spite of sluggish conditions in the home buying market. Tighter cost controls, aided by branch restructuring, helped reduce the ratio of costs to income to 45 per cent.

Wilson Bowden builds

WILSON Bowden, the construction group, gave warning of a shortage of housing land after reporting a 46 per cent increase in interim pre-tax profits to £16.5 million. The dividend is up 7.5 per cent to 2.85p, payable from earnings of 11.8p a share (14p). The company's housebuilding subsidiary sold 965 houses in the first half to June 30, up 17 per cent, and raised operating profits to £13.6 million (£8.7 million). Demand for higher-priced homes increased the average selling prices 15 per cent to £91,000, pushing operating margins up 2 points to 15.4 per cent.

Peter Black optimistic

PETER Black, the personal care products, footwear and accessories company, forecast another year of solid progress as it unveiled a 37 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £12.4 million (£9.1 million) in the year to June 4. The bottom line was boosted by a £1.1 million exceptional profit on the sale of 13 factory shops. Excluding this item, underlying pre-tax profits rose 25 per cent. The group benefited from increased demand from Marks and Spencer for its personal care and footwear products. A final dividend of 3.35p (2.77p) brings the total payout to 4.47p (3.7p).

Scotia cuts losses

SCOTIA Holdings, the pharmaceutical research company best known for its Evening Primrose Oil, cut pre-tax losses to £1.5 million from £2.6 million at the half-year stage. Scotia, which floated on the Stock Exchange last October, lifted sales £1 million to £8.8 million, helped by a 31 per cent rise in nutritional sales which offset a 3.2 per cent decline in pharmaceutical sales. Gross profit margin fell from 61.2 per cent to 53.8 per cent. Operating losses fell from £3.3 million to £2.4 million, in spite of a rise in research and development costs from £3.8 million to £5.3 million.

Vita loses 11p after note of caution

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

A CAUTIOUS statement from British Vita, the plastics, foams and fibres group, sent the shares 11p in reverse to 259p in spite of better than expected interim figures.

Vita pushed pre-tax profits ahead to £23.7 million from £16.3 million in the first half of 1994, helped by the non-recurrence of a £3.5 million loss last time from Metzeler Laminados, its Spanish operation, which was sold in the second half of 1993.

Profits from continuing operations were ahead 23 per cent to £21.2 million, and normalised earnings per share rose from 5.6p to 7p. The interim dividend is raised from 3.65p to 3.75p.

Rod Sellers, the chief executive, said: "We are just a little bit cautious about the state of the economy at the moment, both in the UK and Germany." He said there were few signs of improvement in the German and Dutch consumer sectors, while in the UK, a patchy recovery showed more strength in industrial and automotive markets than in several consumer areas.

In the first half, sales volumes, after a reasonable start to the year, levelled off towards the mid-year, and overall volumes were only slightly ahead. But the group managed to raise operating margins to 5.5 per cent, after they fell from 5.2 per cent in the first half of last year to 4.5 per cent in the second half.

City analysts have raised their forecasts for Vita to between £46 million and £47 million pre-tax in the current year, from £33.7 million last time.

Single state body 'should run nuclear clean-up'

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A SINGLE state body should be set up to tackle the £22 billion task of cleaning up after Britain's nuclear power programme, according to Britain's leading nuclear technology experts.

Separating out liabilities for decommissioning would enable the Government to privatise the atomic power stations that provide a quarter of Britain's electricity needs, says UKAEA in its submissions to the Government's nuclear review. This would protect the taxpayer by ensuring that the legacy of the 40-year struggle to develop cost-effective atomic plants was dealt with expertly at the lowest cost, it says.

Volunteering to manage the clean-up, Derek Pooley, chief executive of UKAEA's government division, said that setting up a single agency would also help to ensure the emergence of a decommissioning industry capable of competing worldwide.

"The government division, with the experience we have built up in the management of our own liabilities, is well placed to provide the nucleus of such an agency," he said.

Although vulnerable to charges of special pleading, the UKAEA proposal may have strong attractions for Tim Eggar, the energy minister, and Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade. They would like to end the state's role in the nuclear industry and cap its exposure to clean-up liabilities.

UKAEA, the former atomic energy authority, has already been split into two to enable its viable assets to be privatised. A Bill to sell off the technical arm, AEA Technology, may be introduced next year. UKAEA government division, however, will remain in the public sector to manage the decommissioning of its old laboratories and reactor sites.

Now Mr Pooley is proposing a similar strategy for Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear, the state generating companies, as well as BNFL, the fuels manufacture and reprocessing company. Isolating the liabilities would help to ensure they were properly addressed, and a careful check was kept on costs.

Under the UKAEA plan, facilities that are nearing the end of their lives, and where clean-up costs exceed future profits, would be grouped together. These include Britain's eight first generation Magnox power stations, the fuel plants to supply them and AEA's older research facilities.

Facilities where future profits exceed expected clean-up costs would stay with their present owners.

According to Mr Pooley, the split is a logical refinement of the decision to keep the nuclear power industry in the public sector when the rest of the electricity industry was privatised. If the residual nuclear industry were then to be sold off, "you would get the best price and the best deal for the taxpayer by leaving the liabilities behind," he said.

Mr Pooley believes it would be logical to combine management of all the liabilities in a single centre of decommissioning expertise. This would facilitate best practice across the industry, offer economies of scale and a single point of contact for regulators and government.

STEVE FORREST



Ralph Hinchliffe, Heywood chairman, reported a big profits boost from the US

Housing holds back Heywood

HEYWOOD Williams gave warning yesterday that a sluggish UK housing market was holding back growth in its domestic building materials businesses (Carl Mortished writes).

The company, which more than doubled group operating profits to £16 million in the first half, suffered a 6 per cent profits dip in Britain, because of the continuing slow pace of the housing recovery. At the pre-tax level, profits fell to £16.1 million from £22.7 million last year, when there was a £15 million exceptional surplus from the sale of the glass business to Pilkington.

Heywood's American companies contributed strongly, with profits increasing from £1.4 million to £9.6 million. LaSalle-Deitch supplies materials for manufactured housing and Ralph Hinchliffe, chairman, hopes to supply a fifth of the 300,000 homes expected to be built this year.

In the UK, Heywood is selling its aluminium windows business, which is being hit by the PVC market, and the company expects to receive net asset value, about £3 million, from the sale. Heywood is increasing the interim dividend from 4.5p to 5p.

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France Fr	8.69	7.99
Germany Dm	2.56	2.35
Greece Dr	381.00	356.00
Hong Kong $	12.65	11.65
Ireland Pt	1.08	0.98
Italy Lira	2515.00	2360.00
Japan Yen	168.00	151.00
Malta	0.610	0.555
Netherlds Gld	2.849	2.619
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Portugal Esc	257.00	238.50
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Sturge insurance chief goes

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

STURGE Holdings, the Lloyd's insurance group, has parted company with the chief executive of its insurance operations after a boardroom shake-up.

The departure of Terry Hayday follows the arrival last Thursday of Lord Poole as group chief executive. This prompted a review of Mr Hayday's position.

A statement issued by Sturge said that both the company and Mr Hayday agreed that it was in their mutual best interests if Mr Hayday left the group. "He has accordingly accepted that he is made redundant effective from September 16." Mr Hayday will receive compensation for loss of office.

Johnston Brown, Sturge's company secretary, declined to reveal the amount. However, he said: "All the company's directors are on one-year contracts."

Mr Brown said that Mr Hayday's departure reflected a high degree of overlap between his responsibilities and those of Lord Poole.

Mr Hayday joined the group in October 1990 when Sturge bought his underwriting agency, Holmes, Hayday, a single-syndicate agency.

This is the latest of a number of top level management changes at the group. The company is actively seeking a non-executive chairman to replace David Coleridge, who is leaving next February after 37 years' service.

Lord Poole joined the board when Mr Coleridge split the roles of chairman and chief executive.

In February 1993, Peter Davis, now director-general of the National Lottery, resigned as deputy chairman and finance director. He received compensation of £182,000 for loss of office. Since then four new directors have joined the company.

ASW maintains interim despite halved profit

BY MARTIN BARROW

ASW Holdings, the steel products group, is holding the interim dividend at 3p a share in spite of a decline in profits to £700,000 before tax in the six months to the end of June from £1.5 million.

The company said the unchanged dividend, paid at a cost of £2 million and uncovered by earnings of 1.3p a share, reflected expectations that trading conditions would continue to improve in the second half.

Profits were affected by a charge of £600,000 against restructuring costs. Further costs are expected in the second half, arising from the upgrade of the Cardiff bar and sections mill, and the total exceptional charge for the year will rise to £3.5 million.

ASW saw an improvement in trading within the steel businesses in the second quarter, with selling prices in Britain and Europe recovering from the low levels experienced at the end of 1993 and in the early part of 1994. A continuation of the economic recovery should maintain more realistic pricing levels in the future, the company said.

BLETCHLEY MOTOR (Int) Pre-tax: £1.13m EPS: 13p (10.9p) Div: 5.375p (4.75p)	Previous interim profit was £785,000. Turnover rose to £52.7 million from £39.6 million. New car trading remains fiercely competitive
CANTORS (Fin) Pre-tax: £2.5m (£1.7m) EPS: 10.33p (6.66p) Div: 3p, mkg 4p (4p)	Turnover rose to £62 million from £60.4 million. Improved trading during final quarter continued in first weeks of current year
COMPUTER PEOPLE (Int) Pre-tax: £733,000 EPS: 3.42p (1.45p) Div: 1p (nil)	Previous interim profit was £364,000. There was an exceptional charge of £530,000 against a management reorganisation
COPYMORE (Int) Pre-tax: £1.1m EPS: 6.5p (4.5p) Div: 2.6p (2.5p)	Previous interim profit was £758,000. Turnover rose to £23.5 million from £17 million. Second half has started well
EXPAMET INTL (Int) Pre-tax: £2.55m (£2m) EPS: 2.71p (2.59p) Div: 1.35p (1.25p)	Turnover fell to £84.3 million from £88.2 million. Growth in Britain and America continues to be slow, company said
OLIVER GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: £1.65m loss EPS: 6.55p loss Div: Nil (nil)	Losses reduced from £2.23 million previously. Trading loss was £1.14 million, reduced from £1.68 million. Outlook described as promising

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Suter increases dividend as prospects improve

BY SARAH BAGNALL

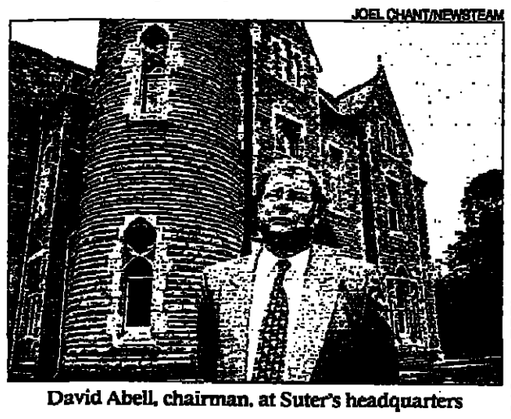
DAVID Abell, the chairman of Suter, the engineering group based in Grantham, Lincolnshire, painted a tentative, but optimistic, picture of future trading prospects. After several years of declining or flat levels of activity, he said: "There is at least some justification for us to look forward to a sustained period of economic growth." He added, however, that it was "still early days".

Mr Abell announced a 14 per cent rise in profits before tax and one-off items, from £10.5 million to £12 million, in the six months to July 2. The 1993 figure excludes a £19.1 million exceptional profit on the sale of the industrial valves division.

Turnover rose £11 million, to £110.1 million. The interim dividend is being raised by 0.1p to 3.5p, paid out of pre-exceptional earnings of 6.6p a share, up from 6.3p last time. The improved results failed to please the City and the shares slid 11p, to 198p. Performance was fuelled by acquisitions, which contributed £1.5 million to profits and £16 million to sales. Mr Abell emphasised the significance of May's £31.8 million purchase of James Wilkes, the Sheffield-based engineering group. Suter would concentrate on "completing the integration of Wilkes, continuing our capital expenditure programme and pursuing additional opportunities to enhance our core activities", he said.

Three of the the group's four divisions reported improved trading profits. Chemicals, however, the group's biggest operation, saw profits fall from £4.2 million to £3.6 million.

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David Abell, chairman, at Suter's headquarters

Who would you rather do business with: a company with a Queen's Award or one without?

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Why Pay Pots to Sorrell?

☐ MARTIN Sorrell will definitely be top of the banking world's Christmas card list this year. Yesterday WPP's banks made a £110 million profit selling something they never wanted in the first place: shares in WPP. Rarely have the banks plucked prosperity from the jaws of adversity so emphatically. The debt-for-equity swap was a last-ditch effort to prevent the company being drowned in its debt. Since then the company's fortunes have recovered sharply and so has its share price.

The trouble is, chief executives are employed to make money for a company's shareholders, not its bankers. Bankers are mere suppliers to a company who earn a their profit from the interest rates and fees they charge.

From an investors' standpoint, Mr Sorrell's record is less sparkling. WPP shareholders have seen the value of their shares plummet from a high point of 925p in 1987. While they have rallied from the dark days of 1992, when they fell below 50p, yesterday's closing price of 123p still leaves investors seriously out of pocket. In addition, shareholders have suffered heavy dilution as WPP doled out large parcels of shares to the banks and were denied a dividend from 1990 until last year.

Given such a track record, one could sympathise with WPP shareholders burning effigies of the man who presided over the company during its slump. Instead, Mr Sorrell is not only still at the helm of the business he created but his fellow directors now plan to present him with a pay and benefits package that will leave him millions richer.

Mr Sorrell is the man who got more. In return for the modest inconvenience of relinquishing a five-year contract, Mr Sorrell is due to receive a basic salary of $1.15 million. This sounds more than enough to fund a decent lifestyle, but it is just the thin end of the pay packet.

In addition to the basic salary, Mr Sorrell is in line for a bonus of up to 100 per cent. This is a game of double, but no quits. Even then the wage wagon has hardly started rolling. The most potentially valuable part of Mr Sorrell's entire contract is his so-called formation. This is an American invention — all the best salary wheezes are invented in America — by which Mr Sorrell invests $3.3 million in WPP shares and receives up to 2.5 times that number of shares back over the next five years. Of course, the company's share price has to outperform the FT-SE 100 index to trigger the grants, but since WPP is a recovery stock in a recovering industry, it is likely to do that.

WPP's remuneration committee believes that it is only paying the going rate for an advertising boss. Most of Mr Sorrell's American competitors already earn staggering sums. But do they really believe that any man can add enough value to a company to justify such a pay package? If US advertising firms are mad enough to pay these sums, why should a British company join the party?

Vapour trails at Farnborough

☐ THE biennial Farnborough International thrash has always been associated with a measure of fun — champagne for some, Red Arrows for all — but fun and the aerospace industry have hardly proved synonomous in recent years: nor are they necessarily about to.

City analysts are currently



perusing three distinct vapour trails, namely the prospect of further significant consolidation, greater international co-operation and a ruthless price war, with Boeing v Airbus the star billing. Suppliers will be the victims of such dogfights.

Even before the chocks were taken away at Farnborough, Dick Evans, chief executive of British Aerospace, let it be known that cost cuts of 40 per cent will be required over the next few years.

The shake up in the US defence industry has reached new heights with news last week that Lockheed and Martin Marietta have agreed a $10 billion merger: a deal that will oust McDonnell Douglas as the world's largest defence combine. Cost cutting was acknowledged as the principal catalyst.

Evans' prophecy (not dissimilar to Lord Weinstock's prediction for more than a decade) is that Europe will end up with only one major defence contractor. He perceives Airbus as the hub of Europe's commercial aircraft market, with a yet to be formed consortium dominating the smaller regional aircraft market. Note BAe's extensive, albeit inconclusive, talks with Aerospatiale of France and Deutsche Aerospace. It is against this background that news emanates of Boeing's plans to slash the prices of $80 million passenger jets by 25 per cent within five years. Airbus, unsurprisingly, is playing the same tune.

That said, General Electric's offshoot, Capital Aviation Services (which came to the rescue of GPA), is reputed to be on the verge of placing multi-billion orders with Boeing and Airbus, while Farnborough should herald further orders of at least $1.6 billion.

Champagne for some, if not the suppliers. As for consolidation, will GEC continue to focus on a "defence" amalgam with BAe or be tempted into a full scale bid? As for co-operation, an eventual Boeing/Airbus deal cannot be ruled out.

Courage vanishes — as valued name

☐ IN FINANCIAL terms, the hefty cuts in the value of Courage's assets do not amount to a great deal. In practical terms, they are a useful reminder of the looming problems facing a fifth of the British brewing industry.

All the Foster's assets have had to be written down — or, in the case of some Australian brands, up — to their recoverable value. The value of the Courage name goes straight off the balance sheet, along with A$58 million off the worth of other assets.

From the profit and loss account, as a non-cash item, comes goodwill and other write-downs associated with the complex 1991 pubs and breweries swap with Grand Metropolitan, which saw Courage take on the latter's brewing interests while the two companies' pub estates were merged into Inntrepreneur. These losses are easily balanced by other one-off profits elsewhere in the Foster's empire.

More significantly, Courage is now a rather cleaner animal, in accounting terms, ahead of two important events over the next four years: the expiry in March of the tie with the Chef & Brewer estate, now owned by Scottish & Newcastle, and the loss of an even bigger chunk of business, the contract to supply Inntrepreneur, in 1998. These two account for a quarter to a fifth of Courage's current output.

As a result, the Australians are currently carrying out an "ongoing review of the operational and strategic opportunities" for Courage. The uncharitable might suggest that any list of opportunities might be a short one: the Australians merely indicate that no option, including closure, is being ruled out.

GrandMet badly wants to get out of Inntrepreneur, and sees Courage as the ideal purchaser of its half stake. Courage, never forget, was generally blamed for the desperate round of discounting that started to savage British brewers' profits last year as it went for higher volumes ahead of the loss of those crucial contracts. The brewer faces some tough decisions ahead.

Burmah shares slip as Europe clouds picture

By Carl Mortished

REPORTS of subdued consumer demand in Europe and a disappointing dividend caused shares in Burmah Castrol, owner of the Castrol GTX lubricant brand, to slip despite the company's continuing success in the growing Asian economies.

Burmah raised net profits after tax 15 per cent to €50.5 million in the half year to June 30, but the shares lost 14p to 891p yesterday after the announcement of a 10p interim dividend, a penny less than the market expected.

Lawrence Urquhart, chairman, said that Castrol had an extremely good first half, with volumes up 7 per cent, led by North America, Asia and Australia, but Europe is still dogged by weak economic recovery, particularly in Germany, the UK and France.

Market reaction suggested that investors were taking profits after a strong performance since the beginning of the year. Jeremy Hudson, analyst at Lehman Brothers, said the shares had passed their peak growth rate: "This is the time to lock in profits."

Burmah hopes to reduce its tax charge, currently 42 per cent, by two points with the payment of foreign income dividends at the year-end. The 1994 Finance Act will help Burmah, which earns most of its profit abroad and has to write off advance corporation tax payable on dividends.

Burmah continues to grow at a rapid pace in the Far East, reporting volume growth of 26 per cent. In the current year, profits will benefit from a €40 million exceptional gain from the sale of a property in Singapore. The company is making inroads in Japan, attempting to wean motor manufacturers away from own-brand lubricants. In Thailand, Burmah claims more than 20 per cent of the lubricant market and Jonathan Fry, chief executive, reports that Burmah made more money there last year than in the UK, where the company faces stiff competition. He said: "In Europe, the industrial market is up, but the consumer is being cautious. We do not detect the bullish note coming through in the lubricants market."

In America, where Castrol GTX is the No.2 brand in the important DIY market, recovery is increasing volumes and Syntec, Burmah's new synthetic oil, moved into profit. Mr Fry sees no evidence that lubricant brands will come under pressure as commodity items in the way that other consumer products have suffered. "You have got to reinvent the product line, that is the message of the 1990's" he said.

Burmah's chemicals business raised operating profits 24 per cent in the first half, to £22 million. Rationalisation of the manufacturing operations of Foseco Metallurgical Chemicals contributed to the recovery.

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ROBIN MAYES



Frank Farrant, left, and Stephen Rubin, chairman, still have a £145 million cash reservoir for acquisitions

Haynes lifts payout 69%

HAYNES Publishing Group, the publisher of automotive and motorcycle repair manuals, has increased the total dividend 69 per cent after earning record profits for the year to May 31. (Martin Barrow writes).

Shareholders receive a final dividend of 5p, making a total of 9p for the year, up from 5.3p a share last time, adjusted for last year's one-for-two capitalisation issue. The shares rose 12p to 450p.

Taxable profits for the period rose 27 per cent to £5 million from £3.95 million. UK profits increased 27 per cent to £1.6 million on turnover of £12.8 million.

Bunzl falls into red on final leg of sell-off programme

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

THE final stage of Bunzl's divestment programme, which unwound the rapid expansion of the late 1980s, sent the specialist paper company into the red in the first half of 1994.

But Anthony Habgood, chief executive, pointed to a rise in margins in most parts of the business and strong organic growth from the core paper and plastic disposables division, even though margins were held back by harsh winter weather in America. Bunzl shares rose 6p to 172p.

Operating profits for the first half were up 23 per cent to £37.3 million. But Bunzl took a £35 million goodwill write-off from the £61 million disposal of its building supplies business in America to Rugby Group. This left a pre-tax loss of £2.2 million, compared with a £26 million profit last time.

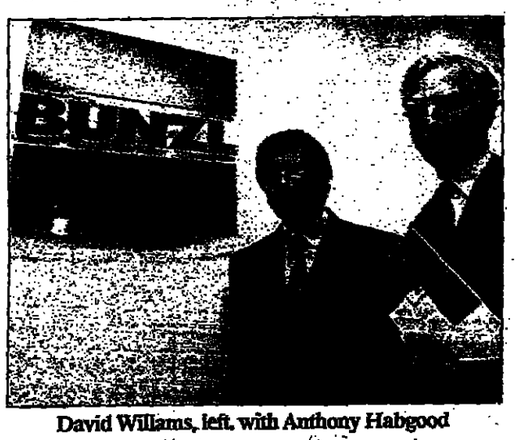
Earnings per share, adjusted to disregard the exceptional loss, rose by 21 per cent to 4.7p. The interim dividend is held at 1.8p, but the group, where David Williams is financial director, has indicated its wish to increase proportionately the final payment this year.

Mr Habgood said margins from continuing businesses were ahead from 4.6 per cent to 5.1 per cent, representing progress in all divisions except paper and plastic disposables.

Mr Habgood said the satisfactory progress from the first half should continue. Prices were rising in most markets, Australia excepted, and volumes were improving.

In addition, the net effect of acquisitions and disposals already achieved should be marginally earnings-enhancing for the second half, he added.

Bunzl is parting company with one of its longest-serving board members. Brian McGillivray, former chief of Erskine House, the office equipment group, is leaving after 16 years.



David Williams, left, with Anthony Habgood

Pentland doubles earnings

By Susan Gilchrist

A STRONG performance from the Speedo swimwear and Kicker footwear brands helped Pentland Group to more than double profits in the first half.

Earnings were also bolstered by acquisitions and the absence of losses and closure costs at the group's US trade finance business, which depressed profits in the previous period. Pre-tax profits rose to £16.8 million, from £6.7 million, in the six months to June 30, on sales up 42 per cent to £281 million (£196.3 million).

Operating profits in continuing businesses doubled to £10.2 million, from £5 million. Frank Farrant, finance director, said Speedo had performed well, owing to more overseas sales and the expansion of its more fashion-oriented beachwear. Kickers benefited from the trend away from white trainers toward rugged outdoor footwear.

Mr Farrant said the group was still sitting on a cash pile of £145 million, though this was significantly down on the £350 million of cash it was left with after selling its stake in Reebok, the sports shoes company, three years ago. "We have spent a lot of money on acquisitions over the last few years, which is reflected in our improved operating performance, but we have obviously got some more to spend."

Interest income fell to £4.2 million, from £9.5 million.

The Berghaus and Ellesse brands were acquired last year and a German sports goods company in May.

There is an interim dividend of 1.25p (1.16p).

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JIB lifted by Far Eastern promise

By Sarah Bagnall
insurance correspondent

CONTINUED growth in the Asia Pacific region and improved operating margins helped JIB Group, the quoted insurance broker in which Jardine Matheson has a majority stake, to lift its interim profits 17 per cent.

Pre-tax profits rose from £11.7 million to £13.7 million in the six months to June 30. The rise was achieved on the back of a 7 per cent increase in turnover to £114.6 million.

Rodney Leach, chairman, said: "While much has been achieved during the period in building our capabilities and increasing profit and operating margins, industry conditions remain difficult, and we expect the second six months to be no less challenging than the first." The shares remained at 145p.

The company is recommending an unchanged interim dividend of 2.5p, paid out of unchanged earnings of 6.4p a share.

Profits from insurance broking rose £1.6 million to £13.7 million, while losses from the group's Lloyd's members' agency more than halved to £400,000.

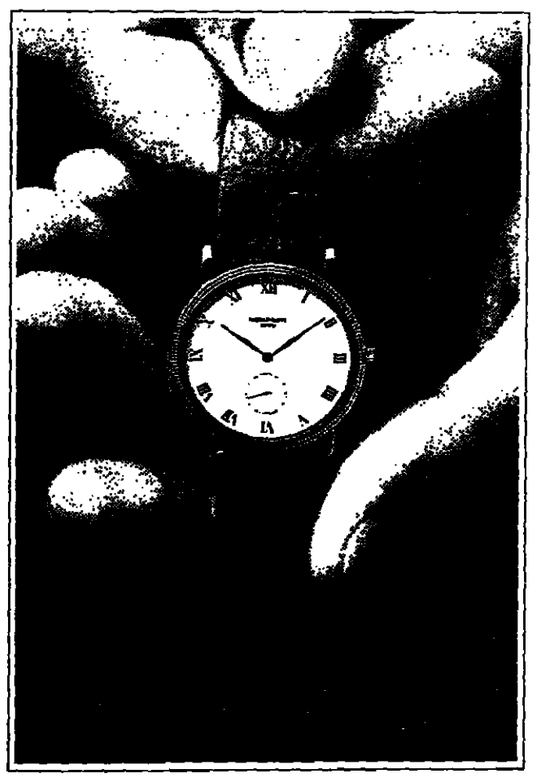
Operating margins improved as a result of a 4 per cent rise in underlying brokerage and fees compared with a 2 per cent rise in expenses.

The group benefited from increased profits in all its markets. The best performance was in the Asia Pacific region, where profits rose £600,000 to £5 million on turnover up £3.2 million to £19.7 million.

UK profits advanced £300,000 to £5.5 million on turnover up £3.9 million to £46.1 million. Mr Leach said that UK insurance rates were beginning to fall, putting renewed pressure on margins.

Problems remain in the US market where profits advanced £100,000 to £1.9 million on slightly reduced turnover of £43 million. Mr Leach said the market remained very competitive but that the benefits of restructuring the operations still had to feed through.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Heavy trading in WPP underpins thin market

A TOTAL of 246 million shares changed hands in **WPP Group**, the advertising agency, equivalent to almost one-third of total turnover on the London stock market.

WPP ended the session 3p dearer at 123p as the banks which rescued it from the brink of oblivion a few years back cashed in the shares they had received in exchange for debts totalling £148 million.

SG Warburg, and JP Morgan, the New York bank, yesterday began placing about 125 million of those shares with various institutions. At least nine parcels totalling about 25 million shares each went through the market at the 115p level.

As a result of the flurry of activity in WPP, overall turnover in the market-place grew to 765 million shares. But after stripping out the influence of WPP, it became clear that trading conditions generally remain thin, with investors remaining worried about the prospects for a rise in interest rates ahead of this week's meeting between Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

There was no lead from Wall Street, which was closed for the Labor Day celebrations, and investor interest is expected to remain at a low level today at the start of the Jewish new year celebrations.

Even so, there was no disguising another resilient performance by the equity market. It made a cautious start, reflecting Friday's shakeout in New York but rallied strongly, cheered by news of a drop in bank lending and a further slowdown in money supply which eased the pressure for a rise in interest rates. The FT-SE 100 index ended on a high note with a rise of 18.8 points at 3,241.5.

Reports that the Office of Fair Trading has launched an inquiry into the pricing of over-the-counter drugs unsettled **Boots**, 3p lower at 548p, after initially touching 540p, and **Lloyds Chemists**, 3p easier at 321p.

Among the banks, speculative buying lifted **TSB Group** 6p to 233p on revived talk of a bid from the National Australia Bank. There has been heavy turnover in the shares recently, with almost 5 million traded yesterday, fuelling speculation that a major corporate move may be afoot.



Bob Morton, whose stake in WML has doubled in value

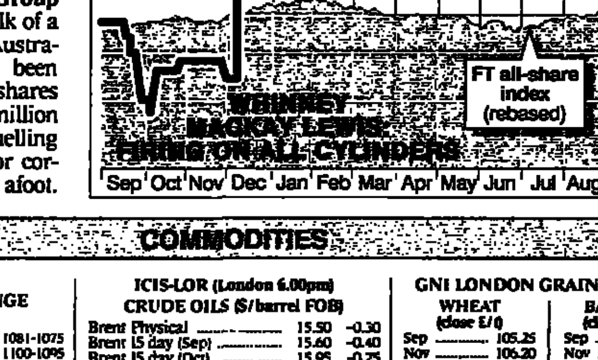
Brokers are not ruling out the possibility of a share buy-back operation.

Elsewhere, among the banks, **Barclays** rose 9p to 595p, **Lloyds** 9p to 573p, **National Westminster** 9p to 503p and **Standard Chartered** 10p to 265p.

Scantronic, the security alarms group, held steady at 26p compared to a low of 19p as the group continues to try to put together a rescue package. It hopes to raise £1.6 million by way of a heavily discounted rights issue at 10p after running out of money and being forced to make a profits warning.

There is talk of a rescue bid from **Menvier Swain**, unchanged at 255p, or Bob Morton's **Silvermines**, 1p dearer at 39p. Menvier Swain, which yesterday announced it was moving to a full listing for its shares, says it has not made an approach but intends to keep a close eye on the situation. Dublin-based Silvermines is the front-runner, with City speculators pinning their money on a reverse takeover of Scantronic combined with a fundraising operation.

Meanwhile, Bob Morton's Midas touch is paying dividends at **Whinney Mackay Lewis**, the architectural consultant, where he still holds a near 11 per cent stake. Yesterday, shares of WML were steady at 39p, compared with the average price of 17p a share that Morton paid for his stake earlier this year. Word is that business is booming with the group having completed the Vintners' Hall project in the City. It looks as though Morton is happy to hang on for the ride. **Coats Viyella** firmed 4p to 224p cheered by interim figures at the top end of expectations. The company overcame problems at its operation in Turkey, where the devalued lira and recession took their toll, to lift pre-tax profits by £6.4 million to £69.2 million. The dividend was raised from 3.25p to 3.5p.



Shares of **Burmah Castrol** dropped 10p to 895p in spite of a 15 per cent rise in net first-half profits to £50.5 million on the back of a solid performance from the Castrol lubricants business. But there was a warning from the group that it may be difficult to sustain the exceptional first-half rate of profit increase achieved by Castrol in North America.

Wilson Bowden, the builder, firmed 3p to 418p after providing further evidence of a recovery in the housing market. Interim pre-tax profits grew 46 per cent to £16.5 million. The average selling price for houses grew during the period from £78,900 to £91,000. **Bunzl**, the paper and packaging specialist, rose 6p to 172p, supported by a 26 per cent rise in pre-tax profits during the first six months to £32.8 million.

Pre-tax profits at **British Vita** were 46 per cent ahead at the half-way stage but the rise in operating profits was only 7 per cent. The group attributed the increase to greater efficiency. The shares ended 12p lower at 258p.

ASW Holdings fell 5p to 209p, in spite of a return to the black in the first half with pre-tax profits of £700,000, having made a loss of £1.4 million in the second half of 1993. The group made a profit of £1.5 million during the corresponding period. Both steel prices and margins had recovered.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts fell by around £½ in early business, reflecting renewed weakness in sterling and a weaker German bond market as inflation worries were revived. But prices rallied strongly towards the close with the December series of the Long Gilt adding £[1]/16 at £100[31]/32 as 32,000 contracts were completed.

In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 firmed three ticks to £104[9]/32, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 eased a tick to £103¾.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Markets were closed for the Labor Day holiday.

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	Closed
S&P Composite	Closed
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	20409.18 (-244.65)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	9962.04 (+60.48)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	417.97 (-1.17)
Sydney:	
AO	2095.5 (-11.5)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2174.52 (-30.19)
Singapore:	
Straits	2328.06 (-2.55)
Brussels:	
General	7653.34 (-34.50)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1998.20 (-22.17)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	676.70 (-2.00)
London:	
FT 30	2512.2 (+6.0)
FT 100	3241.5 (+18.8)
FT-SE Mid 250	3788.7 (+7.4)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1384.12 (-17.54)
FT A All-Share	1620.76 (+7.39)
FT Non Financials	1754.25 (+7.18)
FT Gold Mines	267.10 (+5.30)
FT Fixed Interest	109.02 (-1.01)
FT Govt Secs	91.59 (-0.20)
Bargains	29703
SEAQ Volume	765.4m
USM (Datastrm)	161.57 (+0.34)
US$	1.5483 (+0.0023)
German Mark	2.4064 (-0.0023)
Exchange Index	78.9 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

RECENT ISSUES

Aromascan	96	...
Ball Giff Shn Npn Wts	80	-1
Beacon Inv Tst (100)	102	...
Beacon Inv Tst Wts	47	...
Chambrin Phipps (165)	166	...
Cont'l Foods Wts	1	-½
Copyright Prmtns (120)	125	...
INVESCO Japan Disc	92	...
-do- Japan Disc Wts	47½	-½
JF Fledge Japan Wts	65	...
Magnum Power	52	...
Orbis (23)	29	...
Panther Wts	17	...
Petroceltic	40	...
Pillar Property Inv (150)	160	...
Suter Wts 99/04	38	-3
TR Euro Gwth Ptg (100)	105	...
Tops Estates Wts	30	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Raglan Props n/p (32)	1	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Standard Chart	265p (+10p)
Zeneca	834p (+10p)
Computer People	195p (+10p)
Plasmec	140p (+10p)
Telspec	303p (+10p)
Britannic	421p (+11p)
General Accident	581p (+10p)
Haynes Publishing	450p (+12p)
Thomson Corp	755p (+10p)
Sothebys	838p (+13p)
MAM	670p (+15p)
Booker	445p (+10p)
William Low	376p (+9p)
Garton Eng	129p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Heywood Williams	360p (-11p)
Burmah Castrol	891p (-14p)
Tomkinsons	240p (-9p)
British Vita	259p (-11p)
Suter	198p (-11p)

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TEMPUS

Following the thread

A BUSINESS with the international spread of Coats Viyella is never going to fire on all cylinders, as its interim results amply demonstrate. A 10 per cent increase in pre-tax profits was largely driven by a reduction in the interest charge while the underlying businesses showed more pedestrian growth.

However, the outcome for the full year is likely to be considerably better than the figures for the first half suggest. Many of the difficulties experienced so far are already starting to subside. The problems caused by devaluation in Turkey which depressed profits by about £4 million are unlikely to have a similar adverse impact in the rest of the year. Brazil continues to recover while economic upturn in Britain, North America and Europe will also benefit the bottom line.

More importantly, Coats has a strong strategic position which will continue to drive profits in the longer term. It is the only truly global thread supplier — a position it has reinforced with substantial investment.

This international experience means that it is well-placed to set up both thread and garment production in rapidly-growing emerging markets such as India, China and Russia — a skill few of its competitors can emulate.

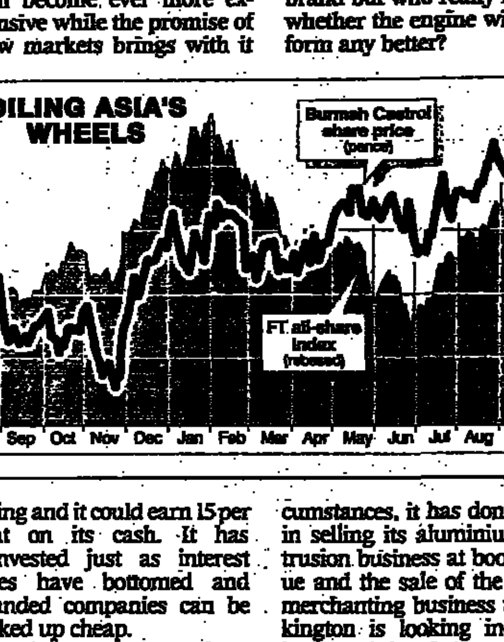
In recent years, Coats has become more customer-driven, placing greater emphasis on quick response and design. It has a strong relationship with Marks and Spencer, which has been strengthened by Coats' willingness to invest in systems and technology to provide exactly what M&S wants. On a prospective p/e of less than ten, the shares look a good buy in the long term.

Burmah Castrol

IF THE Bombay stock market overrates Castrol — Burmah Castrol's Indian subsidiary is valued at nearly 100 times its earnings — investors in London seem to take an unduly harsh view of the lubricants specialist. Yesterday, the shares were marked down after disappointment over the interim dividend, which came in a penny lower than expected.

Burmah's problem is in part due to its success. Castrol GTX seems to defy market trends, which are putting brands on the defensive. In Asia, Burmah's advance seems inexorable; volumes grew by 26 per cent in the first half against 7 per cent worldwide, while American recovery is also improving the picture. In Europe, the scene is more sombre, with the major oil companies fighting back with incentives in their bid to take share in the motor dealer market.

With the Foseco chemicals business in recovery, Burmah can no longer be labelled a single product company. The worry is that defence of the Castrol brand will become ever more expensive while the promise of new markets brings with it the problem of promoting an unknown product. Investors can take comfort from the promise of a falling tax charge due to the benefit of foreign income dividend. Long term, investors face the same question as buyers of Castrol GTX: it is a good brand but who really knows whether the engine will perform any better?



Pentland

ONLY two years ago, Pentland's easy option would have been to write some generous cheques to its shareholders, turn off the lights and go home. Following the sale of its remaining stake in Reebok, the company had net cash of £360 million, which represented 90 per cent of its net assets.

Since then, the company has finally pulled together a semblance of a business once more. It owns a series of well-known sportswear brands, including Speedo swimwear and Berghaus mountaineering equipment.

The half-year results reflect the change. At £10.2 million, operating profit is now four times larger than interest income: a year ago, it was only half the size. Net cash has shrunk to £145 million.

Whether by luck or design, Pentland should be congratulated for riding the economic cycle to perfection. It sold out just as the recession was biting and it could earn 15 per cent on its cash. It has reinvested just as interest rates have bottomed and branded companies can be picked up cheap.

Pentland has always been skilled at marketing and sourcing and is investing in its new businesses, many of which have strong brands but have suffered from lack of capital. The businesses are already picking up speed and the group could make £36 million by the year-end. The shares at 108p may look pricey at 17 times forecast earnings but 40p of the price is underpinned by cash and businesses have scope for growth.

Heywood Williams

WARNING signals about the state of the UK housing market recovery are coming thick and fast, and Heywood Williams is the latest company to talk about a patchy and slow market. In the circumstances, it has done well in selling its aluminium extrusion business at book value and the sale of the glass merchanting business to Pilkington is looking increasingly well-timed.

More important has been the tactical move into America, where Heywood is locked into a speciality end of the housing market, supplying materials to housing manufacturers. This business, a development from trailer homes, is enjoying rapid expansion as America pulls out of the recession and demand for housing from low-income groups accelerates.

Manufactured homes sell for about $28,000 each and about 300,000 will be built this year, with Heywood supplying materials for a fifth of the total. With UK profits looking weak, a multiple of 16 times full-year earnings looks high enough until volume begins to pick up in the UK homes market.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	951-940	Dec	1081-1075
Dec	987-986	Mar	1100-1095
Mar	1016-1015	May	1115-1102
May	1029-1028	Jul	1130-1105
Jul	1048-1046		
Sep	1062-1061		Volume: 4229

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	3970-3967	May	3725-3720
Nov	3870-3869	Jul	3720-3715
Jan	3823-3820	Sep	3730-3720
Mar	3769-3768		Volume: 2562

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	320.5-19.6
Spot: 338.50		Aug	321.0-19.6
Oct	323.8-23.7	Oct	307.5-05.2
Dec	321.4-20.1	Dec	307.5-02.7
Mar	320.8-20.2		Volume: 392

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 2

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	73.87	89.00	118.27
(+/-)	-1.58	-0.51	+2.08
Eng/Wales:	73.87	88.32	118.48
(+/-)	-1.58	-0.98	+1.79
(%)	+25.0	-17.0	+23.0
Scotland:	unq	92.58	115.88
(+/-)	...	+1.98	+3.47
(%)	...	+10.0	+18.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.50	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Sep)	15.60	-0.40
Brent 15 day (Oct)	15.95	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	n/a	...
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	n/a	...

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 181 (-2)	O: 183 (-4)
Gasoil EEC	148 (-4)	150 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Sep	152 (-2)	154 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Oct	154 (-2)	156 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	70 (-3)	72 (-4)
Naphtha	157 (-3)	159 (-3)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Sep	148.75-49.00	Dec	156.25-56.50
Oct	152.25-25.50	Jan	157.50-57.75
Nov	154.50-54.75		Vol: 8315

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	15.93 SLR	Jan	16.27-16.28
Nov	16.13-16.14	Feb	16.27-16.30
Dec	16.24 BID		Vol: 20422

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	105.25	Sep	103.50
Nov	106.20	Nov	104.20
Jan	108.25	Jan	106.25
Mar	110.15	Mar	108.50
May	112.35	May	110.50
Volume: 41		Volume: 5	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	216.0	222.8
May	unq	240.0
		Volume: 76

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Oct 73.25-73.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 94	1493	1480	1480
Oct 94	1505	1495	1506
Nov 94	1505	1500	1500
Jan 95	1503	1490	1490
Vol: 251 lots		Open interest: 2436	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2485.0-2485.5	2498.0-2499.0	1693050
Lead ($/tonne)	605.00-605.50	618.50-619.00	150650
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	974.00-974.50	996.50-997.00	357225
Tin ($/tonne)	5310.0-5320.0	5380.0-5390.0	11850
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1528.5-1529.0	1553.5-1554.0	1379825
Nickel ($/tonne)	6205.0-6207.0	6303.0-6304.0	51870

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 94	3214.5	3256.0	3205.0	3247.0	14246
Previous open interest: 62935	Dec 94	3226.0	3269.0	3221.0	3262.0	3844
Three Month Sterling	Sep 94	94.29	94.32	94.27	94.32	6582
Previous open interest: 544152	Dec 94	93.38	93.43	93.36	93.42	17329
	Mar 95	92.66	92.68	92.64	92.67	7767
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 94	94.97	94.97	94.97	94.96	50
Previous open interest: 6591	Dec 94	94.32	94.32	94.32	94.31	36
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 94	94.98	94.99	94.94	94.97	15698
Previous open interest: 758779	Dec 94	94.80	94.81	94.75	94.77	31268
Long Gilt	Sep 94	101-07	101-18	100-28	101-21	2772
Previous open interest: 122083	Dec 94	100-20	101-01	100-08	101-00	32307
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 94	108.13	108.21	108.10	108.12	135
	Dec 94	107.16	107.21	107.10	107.17	1278
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 94	90.92	90.94	90.39	90.70	74162
Previous open interest: 148867	Dec 94	90.10	90.11	89.38	89.72	75164
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 94				96.73	0
Previous open interest: 76	Dec 94					0
Three month ECU	Sep 94	93.99	94.03	93.99	94.02	333
Previous open interest: 23532	Dec 94	93.47	93.47	93.44	93.44	924
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 94	95.66	95.70	95.65	95.68	1208
Previous open interest: 50306	Dec 94	95.26	95.30	95.26	95.28	1372
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 94	98.90	99.25	98.50	99.15	21940
Previous open interest: 77126	Dec 94	97.00	97.55	96.80	97.50	23477

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¾

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 4¾ Week fixed: 4¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¼; 3 mth 5¼. Sell: 2 mth 5¼; 3 mth: 5¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5-4[11]/16	5¼-5⅛	5⅜-5¼	5[11]/16-5[9]/16	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅛-4[15]/16	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	6-5⅞	6[9]/16-6[7]/16
Interbank:	5⅛-4[15]/16	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	6-5⅞	6[9]/16-6[7]/16

Overnight: open 4¾, close 6.

Local Authority Deps:	4[15]/16	n/a	5½	5[15]/16	6½
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-4[15]/16	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	5[15]/16-5[13]/16	6[9]/16-6[7]/16
Dollar CDs:	4.75	n/a	4.86	5.16	5.73
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-4[15]/16	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	6-5⅞	6⅝-6½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Aug 31, 1994 Agreed rates Sep 26, 1994 to Oct 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.82 %. Reference rate July 30, 1994 to Aug 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.578 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4¾-3¾	4⅞-4¾	5-4⅞	5⅜-5¼	4¾-3¾
Deutschemark:	4[15]/16-4[13]/16	4[15]/16-4¾	5-4⅞	5⅛-5	5-4
French Franc:	5⅛-5¼	5¼-5⅛	5⅝-5½	5[13]/16-5[11]/16	5¾-4¾
Swiss Franc:	4¼-3¼	4⅛-4	4⅜-4¼	4½-4⅜	4½-3½
Yen:	2¼-2	2⅜-2¼	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2¼-1¼

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $387.20-387.60 Close: $386.95-387.25 High: $387.20-387.60 Low: $386.50-387.00 AM: $386.90 PM: $386.90

Krugerrand: $389.00-391.00 (£252.25-254.25)

Platinum: $417.25 (£269.50) Silver: $5.43 (£3.505) Palladium: $154.50 (£99.75)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 5	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6974-2.7277	2.6974-2.7008	¼pr-¼ds	⅝-¼pr
Brussels	49.50-50.05	49.50-49.60	1-3ds	3-4ds
Copenhagen	9.4790-9.5070	9.4790-9.4940	⅛-2⅛ds	1¼-3¼ds
Dublin	1.0084-1.0159	1.0084-1.0112	7-10ds	17-21ds
Frankfurt	2.4043-2.4298	2.4043-2.4075	¼pr-⅛ds	⅝-¼pr
Lisbon	245.37-247.83	245.37-246.00	117-128ds	337-370ds
Madrid	199.89-201.91	199.89-200.18	40-48ds	116-132ds
Milan	2429.20-2444.40	2430.60-2434.60	6-8ds	19-21ds
Montreal	2.1000-2.1141	2.1111-2.1141	par-0.09ds	0.01-0.12ds
New York	1.5338-1.5484	1.5474-1.5484	0.03-0.01pr	0.21-0.18pr
Oslo	10.5470-10.6580	10.5470-10.5630	¼-⅜ds	⅜-2⅛ds
Paris	8.2360-8.3280	8.2360-8.2500	¼-⅜ds	1¼-⅜ds
Stockholm	11.8770-11.9190	11.8770-11.9010	2⅛-3ds	6⅞-8⅞ds
Tokyo	152.80-153.88	153.50-153.76	⅛-⅛pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	16.92-17.10	16.92-16.96	⅜-⅛pr	3⅞-1⅞pr
Zurich	2.0201-2.0499	2.0201-2.0230	⅛-⅛pr	¾-⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3518-1.3528
Austria	10.93-10.94
Belgium (Com)	31.99-32.00
Canada	1.3645-1.3650
Denmark	1.5528-1.5538
France	5.3202-5.3222
Germany	1.5528-1.5538
Hong Kong	7.7274-7.7284
Ireland	1.5328-1.5348
Italy	1570.25-1571.75
Japan	99.20-99.30
Malaysia	2.5512-2.5522
Netherlands	1.7419-1.7424
Norway	6.8180-6.8200
Portugal	158.58-158.68
Singapore	1.4990-1.5000
Spain	129.17-129.22
Sweden	7.6728-7.6803
Switzerland	1.3052-1.3057

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5448-1.5474
Australia dollar	2.0927-2.0948
Bahrain dinar	0.5770-0.5890
Brazil real*	1.3667-1.3708
Cyprus pound	0.7235-0.7335
Finland markka	7.7670-7.8830
Greece drachma	362.25-369.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.9620-11.9674
India rupee	48.05-49.01
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4555-0.4655
Malaysia ringgit	3.9493-3.9521
Mexico peso	5.16-5.26
New Zealand dollar	2.5633-2.5684
Pakistan rupee	46.88 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7370-5.8630
Singapore dollar	2.3205-2.3227
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9505-7.0015
S Africa rand (com)	5.5232-5.5315
U A E dirham	5.6180-5.7420

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	5,300	Legal & Gn	241
Abbey Natl	2,800	Lloyds Bk	1,900
Alld-Lyons	424	MEPC	343
Argyll Gp	4,700	Marks Spr	2,800
Arjo Wiggn	2,800	NFC	1,200
AB Foods	61	NatWst Bk	6,000
BAA	643	Nat Power	3,400
BAT Inds	2,500	Nth Wst W	842
BOC	197	P & O	985
BP	4,000	Pearson	1,300
BTR	4,600	PowerGen	2,100
BT	10,000	Prudential	2,700
Bk of Scot	1,300	RMC	120
Barclays	6,300	RTZ	911
Bass	1,900	Rank Org	547
Blue Circle	471	Reckitt Col	904
Boots	1,600	Redland	566
Bowater	382	Reed Intl	1,500
Brit Aero	929	Rentokil	1,700
Brit Airwys	2,700	Reuters	502
Brit Gas	3,100	Rolls Royce	4,500
Brit Steel	4,200	Ryl Ins	1,500
Burmah Cstl	916	Ryl Bk Scot	229
Cable Wire	786	Sainsbury	2,400
Cadbury	911	Scot & New	664
Caradon	3,300	Scot Power	1,300
Carlton Cms	112	Sears	1,700
Coats Vyla	6,500	Svrn Trent	1,200
Cm Union	565	Shell Trans	3,500
Courtaulds	2,100	Siebe	1,200
De La Rue	187	SmKl Bch	1,900
Eastern Elec	4,100	Smith Nph	528
Enterpr Oil	1,000	Sthern Elec	1,000
Forte	232	Std Chartd	3,200
GKN	599	Sun Allnce	1,600
GRE	1,600	TI Gp	1,100
GUS	326	TSB	4,700
Gen Acc	339	Tesco	3,900
Gen Elec	2,200	Thames W	229
Glaxo	1,900	Thrn EMI	1,600
Granada	1,300	Tomkins	1,700
Grand Met	792	Unilever	1,500
Guinness	1,000	Utd Bisc	861
HSBC	3,900	Vodafone	2,800
Hanson	5,300	Warburg (SG)	107
ICI	2,400	Wellcome	397
Inchcape	195	Whitbread	1,200
Kingfisher	413	Wlms Hld	1,100
Ladbroke	2,300	Wolseley	63
Land Secs	956	Zeneca	1,500

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon	580	37	—	—	9	—	—
(*612)	638	12	—	—	34½	—	—
Argyll	280	25½	32	38	6	13	17½
(*297)	300	13	21	28	15	23½	27½
ASDA	60	7	10	11	2½	4	5½
(*64½)	70	2	5	6	7½	9½	11
Boots	500	56½	62½	73	3	9	15½
(*548½)	550	19½	30½	44½	18½	29½	36
Br Airways	390	31	40½	51	7½	16	22
(*409½)	420	14	24½	36	22	31	36½
BP	420	16	29	37	14	22	27½
(*421½)	460	5	13	20	42	47	51
Br Steel	160	9	13½	18	6½	11	13½
(*160½)	180	2½	6	10	21½	23½	25½
C & W	420	49	59	69½	5½	15	20
(*458½)	460	23	36½	47½	20½	32½	38
CU	550	22	37½	46	16	24	36
(*552½)	600	4½	16	25	52	55½	68
ICI	800	58½	79½	91	9	22½	36½
(*840½)	850	27	50	62	29½	44½	61
Kingfishr	500	39½	50	61½	12	20½	25½
(*526)	550	10½	26	37	38½	46	51½
Land Sec	600	54	61	72	3	9½	13
(*645)	650	17½	29	42	18	29½	33
M & S	420	19½	30	39½	9	17½	21½
(*428½)	460	3½	12½	21	34½	40½	44
Nat West	500	23½	39	45½	18	26	38½
(*501½)	550	6	19	24½	53	56	70
Sainsbury	420	46	54	64	5½	14	18½
(*456½)	460	18	30½	41	19	30½	36
Shell	750	21	38	48	20	29½	41½
(*758)	800	5	17½	26	58	63	73½
Smkl Bch	420	39½	49½	57	6½	14½	20½
(*449½)	460	19½	26	34½	24	32½	39
Storehse	220	11	16	21	8½	13	17
(*220)	240	3½	7½	12½	23	26	29½
Trafalgar	90	6½	10½	14	4½	8	11
(*91)	100	3	6½	9	11½	14½	17
Unilever	1150	41½	63	79½	24½	41½	57
(*1162½)	1200	18	38½	55½	54½	68½	85½
Zeneca	800	45	61½	74	16½	25½	43
(*833½)	850	18½	35½	48½	44	51½	69
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	420	40½	47½	54½	9	17½	22½
(*447)	460	17	25	34	27½	37	42½
Ladbroke	160	13	18½	22	9½	13½	17
(*164)	180	5	11	14	24	26½	30
Utd Bisc	330	16	24	28½	17½	22½	31
(*331½)	360	5½	12½	16½	38½	42	51

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	500	18½	27½	37	14½	21	26
(*501)	525	8	16	25½	30½	36	40
Thames W	500	46	53	61	5½	17½	19
(*536)	550	16	26	34	25½	40	43
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	44	55	60½	8½	13	22
(*457½)	460	19	31	37½	26½	30½	42½
BTR	390	16½	25	29½	18½	23½	29½
(*391)	420	6	12½	17½	34½	42	48
Br Aero	500	39	54½	64½	26½	36½	46
(*512½)	550	16½	31	43½	56	65½	74
Br Telecm	390	17½	22½	30½	14½	23½	25½
(*391)	420	6½	11½	17½	35	43	44
Cadbury	460	32	43½	49	11½	16	24½
(*480)	500	10	23	29½	32	38	45½
Guinness	460	39	50½	57	8	14	21
(*489½)	500	16½	27	34½	28	33	41
GEC	280	27	30	36	5	8	11
(*298½)	300	14½	18½	24½	12½	17	19½
Hanson	240	21	24½	27½	4½	9	12
(*253½)	260	8½	13½	17	13½	18	22
LASMO	154	12	—	—	9½	—	—
(*155)	180	4	7½	11	29	31	32
Lucas	180	22½	26	29	6	9	12½
(*197)	200	10	15	18½	16	19½	23
Pilkingtn	180	24½	26½	31	4	7	9½
(*197)	200	12	15½	19½	12½	16½	19
Prudential	330	18½	26½	31	14	18½	26½
(*336½)	360	7	13½	17½	33	37	44½
Redland	550	30	44	52	22½	30½	43
(*560)	600	10	23	30½	57½	61½	74½
Royal Ins	280	31	39½	43½	5½	13½	18½
(*298)	300	18½	28½	32½	18	22½	28½
Tesco	240	21	27½	31½	7½	12	16
(*257½)	260	10½	17	21	17½	21½	26
Vodafone	200	13½	18	23	11½	15½	18
(*200)	217	6	11	—	22	25½	—
Williams	354	23½	—	—	9½	—	—
(*369½)	384	8½	—	—	27	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3240½)

	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300	3350
Calls						
Sep	154	108	67	34	12	3½
Oct	167	129	95	66	45	29
Nov	191	155	123	94	71	50
Dec	215	179	148	118	93	71
Jun	310	—	252	—	197	—
Puts						
Sep	4	6½	18	37	69	116
Oct	24	35	51	73	102	136
Nov	39	53	70	91	119	149
Dec	56	69	88	109	134	163
Jun	111	—	151	—	196	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	420	15½	29	39	8	17	27
(*426)	460	2½	12	20½	37	41½	50
Amstrad	30	3	4½	6	1½	3	4
(*31½)	35	1	2½	3½	4½	6½	7½
Barclays	550	49	65	76	2	11	19
(*594½)	600	14	34	45½	17	31	41
Blue Circ	300	23	30½	39	3½	11½	17
(*318½)	330	5	15	24	19½	27	33
Br Gas	300	9	16	22	7	17½	19
(*301)	330	1½	6	10	30½	39½	40½
Dixons	200	11½	20½	24½	5	11½	16
(*205)	220	3	11½	15	18½	23	28
Forte	220	21½	26	31	2	6½	11
(*238½)	240	7	14½	20½	8	15½	19½
Hillsdwn	180	8	13	18½	5½	11	13
(*182)	200	2	5	10½	20½	24½	26
Lonrho	130	10½	17½	20½	2½	6	9
(*139)	140	4	12	15½	6½	11	14½
Sears	120	5	9	12	3½	7	9
(*121)	130	1½	4½	7	11	13½	15½
Thrn Eml	1000	34	65½	80	15½	34	52
(*1014½)	1050	11	40	56	45½	62	78
Tomkins	220	20	27	30½	2	6½	10½
(*236½)	240	5	14½	19	8½	15	19
TSB	220	17	25½	29	2½	7½	13
(*233)	240	5½	14	17½	11½	17	23½
Wellcome	650	58	80½	98½	5	21	32
(*699)	700	23½	51	69	22½	41½	53½
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo	600	43½	59	69	21	35	46½
(*633½)	650	16½	35	47	51	63	74
HSBC	700	68	93	110½	18	35½	58
(*743½)	750	38½	69½	85	39½	59½	82½
Reuter	500	26	42	53½	14	25	32
(*508)	512½	19	—	—	21	—	—
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	180	14½	18½	22	9	13½	17
(*183)	200	6½	10½	14	23	26	29½
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Fisons	140	14	17	19½	2	6½	9
(*150½)	160	2½	6½	10½	12	19	20½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastn Elc	750	70	95½	99	23	32½	39½
(*790)	800	41	61	73	45½	56	62½
Natl Pwr	500	26½	41	52½	7	21	24½
(*517½)	550	4	18	31½	36	48½	52
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Scot Pwr	390	24½	38½	44½	5	15	19
(*407½)	420	8	23½	29½	20½	28	33½

September 5, 1994 Tot: 16319 Call: 10481 Put: 5838 FT-SE Call: 4006 Put: 1875

*Underlying security price.

US STOCKS

	Sep 2 close	Sep 1 close
AMP Inc	71¼	72⅛
AMR Corp	58⅞	59⅜
AT & T	54½	54⅜
Abbott Labs	29⅜	29⅜
Aetna Life	49⅞	50⅜
Ahmanson (HF)	22⅜	22⅜
Air Prod & Chem	48⅞	49⅜
Alberson's	28⅞	29
Alcan Aluminm	25⅜	25⅜
Alco Standard	64⅞	65⅜
Allied Signal	37⅜	37⅜
Alum Co of Am	82⅜	83
Amax Gold Inc	7⅜	6⅞
Amerada Hess	49⅜	49⅜
Amer Brands	35⅜	35⅜
Amer Cyanamid	96⅜	96⅜
Amer El Power	31	31¼
Amer Express	29	28⅞
Amer Genl Corp	29⅜	30⅜
Amer Home Pr	59⅜	59⅜
Amer Intl	92⅜	92⅜
Amer Stores	26⅛	25⅞
Ameritech	41¼	41⅜
Amoco	57⅜	57⅜
Anheuser-Busch	53	53⅜
Apple Computer	35⅜	35
Archer Daniels	25⅜	25⅜
Armco	6⅜	6⅜
Armstrng Wrld	47⅜	48⅜
Asarco	29⅜	29⅜
Ashland Oil	37⅜	37⅜
Atl Richfield	104⅜	105⅜
Auto Data Pro	53⅜	53⅜
Avery Dennison	34⅜	34⅛
Avon Products	58⅜	59
Baker Hughes	19	19
Baltim Gas & El	22⅜	22⅜
Banc One	34¼	34⅜
BankAmerica	49⅜	49⅜
Bank of NY	32⅜	32⅜
Bankers Tr NY	73	73⅜
Barnett Banks	47	47⅜
Bausch & Lomb	38⅜	39⅜
Baxter Intl	28⅜	28⅜
Becton Dickinsn	43⅜	43⅜
Bell Atlantic	54⅜	54⅜
BellSouth	58⅜	59
Black & Decker	22⅜	22⅜
Block (H&R)	43⅜	43⅜
Boeing	45⅜	45⅜
Boise Cascade	28⅜	28⅜
Borden Inc	12⅜	12
Bristol Myrs Sq	57⅜	58
Browning Ferris	32⅜	31⅜
Brunswick	22⅜	22⅜
Burlington Nthn	52⅜	52⅜
CBS	332⅜	332⅜
CNA Financial	61¼	61¼
CPC Intl	51½	51½
CSX	76	76⅜
Campbell Soup	38⅜	38⅜
Can Pacific	17⅜	17⅜
Cptl Cities ABC	83⅜	84⅜
Carolina Pwr	25⅜	26⅜
Caterpillar	113⅜	114⅜
Central & SW	21⅜	22
Champion Intl	35⅜	35⅜
Chase Manhat	37⅜	37⅜
Chemical Bk	38⅜	38⅜
Chevron Corp	43	43⅜
Chrysler	47⅜	47⅜
Chubb Corp	72⅜	73⅜
Cigna Corp	67⅜	67⅜
Citicorp	44⅜	44⅜
Clorox	52⅜	52⅜
Coastal Corp	30⅜	30⅜
Coca Cola	46⅜	46
Colgate-Palmolive	56⅜	57⅜
Columbia Gas	26⅜	26⅜
Commonw Ed	24	24
Compaq Comp	35⅜	34⅜
Comp Ass Int	39	39⅜
Conagra	32⅜	32⅜
Cons Edison	26⅜	26⅜
Cons Nat Gas	39⅜	40⅜
Cons Rail	55	54⅜
Cooper Inds	39⅜	40⅜
Corning Inc	30⅜	31⅜
Crown Cork	36⅜	37
Dana Corp	27⅜	27⅜
Dayton Hudson	80⅜	81¼
Deere	72⅜	72⅜
Delta Air Lines	48⅜	49⅜
Deluxe Corp	30⅜	30⅜
Detroit Edison	26⅜	26⅜
Digital Equip	24	24⅜
Dillard Dept St	27⅜	27⅜
Disney (Walt)	41¼	41¼
Dominion Res	36⅜	37⅜
Donnelley (RR)	30⅜	30⅜
Dover Corp	56⅜	56⅜
Dow Chemical	74⅜	74⅜
Dow Jones	32	31⅜
Dresser	20	19⅜
Duke Power	38	38⅜
Dun & Brdsreet	57⅜	57⅜
Du Pont	59⅜	60⅜
Eastman Kodak	50⅜	49⅜
Eaton Corp	48⅜	49
Emerson Elec	61½	62
Engelhard Corp	26⅜	27
Enron Corp	30	31
Entergy	24⅜	24⅜
Ethyl Corp	11¼	11¼
Exxon	59⅜	59⅜
FMC Corp	58	57⅜
FPL Group	30⅜	30⅜
Federal Express	70⅜	70⅜
Fed Nat Mtge	88	88⅜
First Chicago	51⅜	51⅜
First Interstate	80	79⅜
First Union Rlty	6⅜	6⅜
Fleet Finl Grp	39⅜	39⅜
Fluor Corp	51⅜	52
Ford Motor	29⅜	30
GTE Corp	31¼	31¼
Gannett	49⅜	50
Gap Inc Del	38	38¼
Gen Dynamics	46⅜	46
Gen Electric	49⅜	50⅜
Gen Mills	53⅜	53⅜
Gen Motors	50⅜	50⅜
Gen Reinsurance	110⅜	111⅜
Gen Signal	35⅜	35⅜
Genuine Parts	36⅜	36⅜
Georgia Pac	74⅜	74⅜
Gillette	71⅜	72⅜
Glaxo ADR	19⅜	19⅜
Goodrich (BF)	47⅜	47⅜
Goodyear Tire	35⅜	35⅜
Grace (W&R)	40	40⅜
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23⅜	23⅜
Great Wstn Fin	20⅜	20⅜
Halliburton	30⅜	30⅜
Harcourt General	34	33⅜
Heinz (HJ)	36⅜	36⅜
Hercules	105⅜	106⅜
Hershey Foods	46	45⅜
Hewlett Packard	88⅜	89⅜
Hilton Hotels	58⅜	58⅜
Home Depot	44⅜	44¼
Homestake Mng	19⅜	19⅜
Honeywell	35⅜	35⅜
Household Intl	38⅜	38⅜
Houston Inds	34⅜	34
Humana	21¼	21¼
ITT Corp	80⅜	80⅜
Illinois Tool	42⅜	42⅜
Illinova	20	20⅜
INCO	28⅜	29
Ingersoll Rand	37⅜	37⅜
Inland Steel	40⅜	41¼
Intel Corp	64⅜	64⅜
IBM	67	67⅜
Intl Flav & Fr	42⅜	43
Intl Paper	75⅜	76⅜
James River Va	23	23¼
Johnsn & Jhnsn	50⅜	50⅜
Kellogg	55⅜	56⅜
Kerr-McGee	48	49⅜
Kimberly-Clark	57⅜	59
Kmart	17⅜	17⅜
Knight-Ridder	51⅜	51¼
Lilly (Eli)	56⅜	56⅜
Limited Inc	21⅜	20⅜
Lin Brdcstng	134⅜	134
Lincoln Nat	38⅜	39⅜
Litton	38⅜	39
Liz Claiborne	21¼	21⅜
Lockheed	78⅜	79
Louisiana Pac	35⅜	35⅜
MCI Comm	24⅜	24
Marriott Int	29⅜	29⅜
Marsh & McLnn	84⅜	84⅜
Masco Corp	27	27⅜
May Dept St	40⅜	40⅜
Maytag Corp	17⅜	18⅜
McCaw Cellular	53⅜	53⅜
McDonalds	27⅜	28
McDonnell D	118⅜	118⅜
McGraw Hill	69⅜	69⅜
Mead Corp	50⅜	50⅜
Medtronic	96⅜	97⅜
Mellon Bk	59⅜	59⅜
Melville Corp	37⅜	37⅜
Merck Inc	33⅜	34⅜
Merrill Lynch	39⅜	40⅜
Minnesota Mine	54⅜	54⅜
Mobil Corp	83	83⅜
Monsanto	80⅜	81¼
Morgan (JP)	65⅜	65⅜
Motorola Inc	51⅜	52⅜
Natl Medical	19⅜	19⅜
Natl Semi	17⅜	17⅜
Natl Service Ind	26⅜	26⅜
Navistar Int	16⅜	16⅜
NBD Bancorp	30⅜	30⅜
NY Times A	24⅜	24⅜
Newmont Mng	44	43⅜
Niag Mohawk	13⅜	13⅜
Nike B	63⅜	64⅜
NL Industries	10⅜	10⅜
Noram Energy	6⅜	6⅜
Nordstrom	45⅜	46⅜
Norfolk Sthrn	64	63⅜
Nthn State Pwr	43⅜	42⅜
Norwest Corp	26⅜	26⅜
Nynex Corp	38⅜	38⅜
Occidental Pet	21¼	21¼
Ohio Edison	18⅜	18⅜
Oracle Systems	41½	42⅜
Oryx Energy Co	14⅜	14⅜
Owens Corning	35⅜	35⅜
PNC Financial	27⅜	27⅜
PPG Industries	41⅜	41⅜
Paccar Inc	50	50⅜
Pacificorp	16⅜	16⅜
Pac Enterprises	21¼	21¼
Pac Gas & Elect	24⅜	24⅜
Pac Telesis	33⅜	32⅜
Pall Corp	17⅜	18
Panhandle East	21⅜	22
Parker Hannifin	41¼	41¼
Peco Energy	26⅜	27
Penney (JC)	52	52⅜
Pennzoil	51	50⅜
Pepsico	33⅜	33⅜
Pfizer	67	67⅜
Phelps Dodge	63	63⅜
Philip Morris	60⅜	61¼
Phillips Pet	33⅜	33⅜
Pitney Bowes	37⅜	37⅜
Polaroid	34⅜	35⅜
PriceCostco	15⅜	15⅜
Procter & Gmbl	60⅜	60⅜
Pub Serv E & G	26⅜	26⅜
Quaker Oats	79⅜	79⅜
Ralston Purina	40⅜	40⅜
Raychem Corp	41¼	41¼
Raytheon	67⅜	68⅜
Reebok Intl	36⅜	36⅜
Reynolds Metals	54⅜	53⅜
Roadway Srvcs	63⅜	63⅜
Rockwell Intl	35⅜	36⅜
Rohm & Haas	60⅜	61¼
Royal Dutch	113⅜	113
Rubbermaid	27⅜	28⅜
Safeco Corp	54	53⅜
St Paul's Cos	42⅜	42⅜
Salomon Inc	42⅜	43
Santa Fe Pac	21⅜	16⅜
Sara Lee Corp	22	22⅜
Scecorp	13⅜	13⅜
Schering Plough	69	69⅜
Schlumberger	57	57⅜
Scott Paper	65⅜	65⅜
Seagram	31⅜	32⅜
Sears Roebuck	46⅜	47⅜
Shell Trans	69⅜	69
Sherwin Wlms	32⅜	32⅜
Skyline Corp	19⅜	19⅜
Snap-On-Tools	36⅜	36⅜
Southern Co	18⅜	18⅜
Sthwestern Bell	41⅜	41
Sprint Corp	39	39⅜
Stanley Works	41⅜	42⅜
Sun Company	27	27⅜
Sun Microsys	25⅜	26⅜
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US Life	35⅜	35⅜
US West	40⅜	40
United Tech	62⅜	62⅜
Unocal Corp	28⅜	28⅜
Upjohn	35⅜	36⅜
VF Corp	53⅜	52⅜
WMX Tech	29⅜	29⅜
Wal-Mart Stores	24⅜	24⅜
Warner-Lambert	83⅜	82⅜
Wells Fargo	158⅜	159⅜
Westinghouse El	13⅜	14
Weyerhaeuser	45⅜	45⅜
Whirlpool	54⅜	54⅜
Whitman	16⅜	17⅜
Winn Dixie	52⅜	53½
Woolworth	16⅜	16⅜
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	40⅜	40⅜
Xerox	106⅜	107⅜

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Striking back at the empire

"YOU can deny your bastard offspring, but you can't deny your parents" is a famed, and stinging, retort used during a celebrated takeover battle in the late 1980s. Now, from the renowned Ashridge Strategic Management Centre, comes a book on what companies think of their corporate parents. Ashridge gurus Michael Goold, Andrew Campbell and Marcus Alexander admit some of their views on the management of multi-business companies fall into the "scorching attack" class. They argue, for example, that most companies are over-diversified and lack a sound corporate level strategy. Their 450-page tome, *Corporate Level Strategy*, (John Wiley & Sons, £24.94), contains some lively quotes, including "All managers are liars. It's just a question of how big the lies are", from Lord Weinstock. An observation on BTR — the culture of the company is epitomised by the words on the boardroom clock: "Think of rest and work on". And from Sir Christopher Lewinton of TI Group: "If they (business unit managers) find my ideas unacceptable, they would be wise to have some better ideas of their own because I am in the business of making things happen." The book is published on September 29 and will, I sense, be more avidly read than the average annual report.

Champagne time

IF OYSTERS and champagne are any guide, then the recession is well and truly over. Balls Brothers' latest promotion at its 13 City outlets is to give away half a dozen oysters with every bottle of Veuve Clicquot Champagne sold. Six days on 5,500 oysters



Weinstock: "liars"

have already been prised open — a 57 per cent increase on last year, though to date not a single pearl has been found.

Rapid decision

MARRIAGES and acquisitions are not only made in heaven. Real ones are made in corporate finance departments too. Having happily merged and married — but not divorced — companies while working side-by-side in the same corporate finance division at Hoare Govett for a number of years, David Barker and Elaine Milner yesterday announced their engagement. Ironically, the banns could have been read ten years ago. In the 1980s, they both worked in the same department at W. Greenwell.

I spy strangers

PROBABLY the bravest person at the TUC yesterday was the single representative from Railtrack, who carefully chose her moment — after the TUC presidential speech from RMT general secretary Jimmy Knapp — to slip into the Winter Gardens. Brenda Laing, from the company's government relations department, arrived at the TUC "on a watching brief". Though employers are regular visitors at TUC conferences, Railtrack's attendance may be stretching to its limits even the new, modern, employer-friendly TUC.

COLIN CAMPBELL



For these shoppers in London's Oxford Street, it is the goods that count, but retailers are becoming more concerned about how the goods get there

Stores aim to reclaim buried pots of gold

The biggest expense in the retail business is the cost of moving goods. Until now this has been ignored, reports Susan Gilchrist

The seemingly simple process of getting products from the manufacturer to the customer has become the *burning issue* in the retailing industry, anxious to cut costs and raise margins.

Talk to any leading retailer and the phrase "supply chain management" will invariably crop up within a few minutes. To most people, the concept sounds terribly worthy, but rather dull. Yet it is something that Britain's retailers are getting very excited about.

Patrick Moylan, a principal with Kurt Salmon Associates (KSA), the management consultants, believes that many retailers could treble net margins if they managed the supply chain more efficiently. "In the 1980s, anybody could make money out of retailing," he said. "Consumer demand and rising inflation camouflaged a lot of inefficiencies, which are only coming out now. Better management could mean net margins rising from 5 per cent to 10 per cent, or even 15 per cent."

His views are echoed by Steve Bedford, development director of Storehouse, which owns BhS and Mothercare. "At the end of the 1980s, retailers realised that their cost bases were too high, so they cut staff and closed loss-making stores," he said. "But, in fact, the biggest cost in the business is the cost of goods, and people have largely ignored that — until now."

Getting a product from manufacturer to shop display sounds simple enough, but is far from straightforward. Demand can fluctuate wildly for many reasons, such as changing fashions, competitor activity, and even the weather. However, a product moves down the chain slowly and in large quantities, so efficiency is very low. A batch of stock can arrive on the shop floor just when the consumer is least interested.

Retailers are, therefore, keen to take both time and cost out of the process. KSA's Mr Moylan says that the lead time between a retailer ordering a product from the manufacturer and the product arriving on the shop floor can be as much as a year. Storehouse's Mr Bedford says: "The seasonal planning mentality is still well-ingrained in retailing. That means we are often committing to buying something nine months in advance. At that point, we have no idea what is going to sell and what isn't. We need to bring the buying decision closer to the moment when the product hits the shop floor. Then you can maximise the best sellers and reduce the risk of failures." Right now, the chain is just haemorrhaging profit.

Mr Bedford says there are three main ways that better management of the supply chain can benefit the bottom line.

First, a more efficient system will improve stock availability in the stores and hence increase sales. "The principle element of customer service is the availability of product," he says. "If you don't have what the customer wants to buy, or don't have it in the right colour or size, then they will go somewhere else and you have lost a sale." Marks and Spencer, widely seen as having v the best-run supply chain in the industry, has option availability of more than 90 per cent within its stores, significantly above the industry average of about 65 per cent.

Many retailers could treble net margins if they managed the supply chain more efficiently

Second, a more responsive supply chain means fewer buying mistakes. This, in turn, reduces the amount of residual stock and hence markdowns at the end of the season. Fewer markdowns can have a hugely beneficial effect on retailers' profitability. The success of M&S's supply chain management is evident from the brevity of its "sale" period. The company is left with little residual stock at the end of a season, having sold most of it at full price already.

The third benefit of a well-run supply chain is that there is less stock in business, and, so, less tied-up capital.

Mr Bedford says: "These are three large pots of gold. Collectively they could transform the economics of, not just us, but retailing in Britain."

BhS has therefore set up "The Breakthrough Initiative" to examine its supply chain. A team of 35 people, 15 of them from suppliers to BhS, have analysed the process and looked at how things could be done better. "We mapped out what was happening," Mr Bedford said. "To our horror, we discovered there were 63 discrete and unconnected parts to the process — many of them parallel and duplicate as well. In some instances, we were taking three months to agree a sample because it was going backwards and forwards from us to the supplier." The group looked at best practice around the world, and in every industry, to see how the chain should work. "We have now broken the chain down from 63 to four parts — create, make, move and sell," Mr Bedford said. "The way we look at it has totally changed. Historically, retailers have been the end of the product line for manufacturers. Now, we are being driven by the consumer. We have started to talk about a demand chain rather than a supply chain."

Breaking bad habits that have grown up over decades is not easy. You need advanced systems so that you know exactly what is selling and what isn't at any time. Perhaps the biggest hurdle, however, is breaking down cultural barriers, both in the organisation and, critically, between it and suppliers.

The relationship between retailers and suppliers has traditionally been adversarial. "The way people have been trained in this industry is that you beat the hell out of the supplier," Mr Bedford says. However, to improve the supply chain, both sides must work as partners. BhS has cut its suppliers from 1,000 to 300 and plans to end up with a core of about ten or 20, with whom it will have a closer relationship.

One of M&S's biggest strength is the way it works with suppliers. Neville Bain, chief executive of Coats Viyella, the largest supplier of clothing to M&S, says: "Being a supplier of M&S is a true partnership. Meeting the rigorous standards M&S demand isn't easy because it covers every dimension of the business." However, the shared commitment, and shared financial gains, have enabled Coats to invest heavily in information technology, particularly Computer Aided Design, to link customer and supplier. It now has direct electronic links between its studio and M&S, so that designs can be viewed, and, if necessary changed, by both parties on screen.

M&S is not complacent about its relationship with suppliers, and feels that further improvements can be made. Andrew Stone, joint managing director, says: "We will be building on our supplier partnerships with links that enable operational data to be shared across the supply chain. The network will enable us to bring new merchandise to market more quickly. More than ever before, what we sell today will influence what we deliver tomorrow and what we produce next week."

The winners in the low growth era of the 1990s will be those who can bring about this change most efficiently. It is not easy. "The real imponderable is how well you can implement it," says Mr Bedford. "The complexity of implementing this is massive. You are changing the rules of engagement which have been there for decades."

What are we protecting the customer from?

Over-regulating the insurance industry may prevent customers from buying products they need, says Jim Stretton

Within the last few years, two very different pictures of the life assurance industry have been projected. When the UK's prospects of competing in unified European markets were being discussed, life assurance was singled out as an area of excellence where we possessed significant competitive advantages.

The freedom in the UK to develop new contracts in response to customer needs was seen as giving us a market offering both better choice and, where comparison could be made, better value than was available elsewhere — a picture of vitality and health.

More recently, a much less flattering image has been projected. Customers are portrayed as falling prey to rapacious salespeople who unfairly induce them to buy things they do not need and which divert their savings into paying for the salesman's Porsche.

What should we make of this conflict? Last year, UK customers signed 5.7 million contracts of various types with life assurance companies. The overwhelming majority of them meet real needs of the purchasers and were sold through conscientious and knowledgeable advisers or salesmen. They offer ways of ensuring the financial well-being of individual customers, their families and businesses and by so doing prevent liabilities falling on the state and through it into taxation.

Closing the industry would achieve the aim of ensuring no mis-selling

On the other hand some sales, albeit a small proportion of the whole, resulted from customers being misled. Each of these sales is one too many and it is absolutely proper that we should search out all effective measures that will put right anything that has been mis-sold and help to prevent mis-selling in future. It is in this area that regulators have a crucial role to play. This is not to imply any lack of enthusiasm on the part of good companies towards satisfying their customers, but co-ordinated and comprehensive action across the industry will necessarily involve regulators.

For them to carry out their role in a way that will leave us all satisfied there must be a commonly agreed goal expressed very clearly and precisely. At first, this is not a difficult issue. Much of what has been written by regulators themselves and the overwhelming weight of outside comment assumes the goal is to "protect customers". It sounds so patently reasonable that even to question it invites suspicion of the questioner's motives. However, it is a complicated concept that needs to be understood in detail.

To "protect customers" it is not sufficient merely to ensure that those making a purchase should be satisfied with the deal they have made. Logically, any customer who is deterred by regulatory activities from buying a product that would have met his requirements or for whom regulators prevent the market developing the products that would have met his needs has suffered a failure of protection. At its most extreme, closing the industry would achieve the aim of ensuring no mis-selling took place but would scarcely count as "protecting customers". So, at the very least we have a problem in measuring regulatory success.

Even for those who do not make a purchase, there are fundamental difficulties. Each of us must make our own decisions about what risks we wish to insure and which to bear ourselves, about what to spend and what to save and about whether we wish to gamble or play safe with our savings. We decide by different routes and, complex though the considerations are, nothing can take away our responsibility for what we do. Transferring that to anyone, be it salesman, adviser or regulator, is not possible. If we saddle regulators with a confused and unachievable objective, only two outcomes are likely. Either regulators will be perceived as having failed to do their jobs or the industry and its customers will be damaged by being required to jump through impossible hoops. Possibly both can happen.

Regulators have achieved much through the existing self-regulatory system and we must build on their successes under the newly constituted PIA. Attention is being focused on some of the core regulatory issues such as training and competence of salesmen, disclosure, vigilance against fraud and the compensation of customers who are treated unfairly. But agreement about some of the hot regulatory topics does not substitute for clear definition of our goals.

This strategic imprecision is made much worse by structural confusing. It is unfortunate that we, as the Treasury, the SIB, the PIA and the OFT, must co-operate with each other to produce answers to these questions. The scope for dropping the ball somewhere between these four bodies, the industry and the customer is just too great.

Jim Stretton is chief executive of UK operations at Standard Life

BUSINESS LETTERS

Rutteman recommendations offer innovative solutions

From Mr Anthony Jacobus

Sir, As a Fellow of the Institute of Internal Auditors I write regarding Robert Bruce's article "Finance directors remain on retreat" (Accountancy September 1).

Following Rutteman's main report, the shorter set of recommendations perhaps rightly focus on financial internal control. Although, as Robert Bruce points out, disclosure of other matters which effect corporate health are likely to surface sooner rather than later if only through journalistic investigations. Surely prevention and cure are always better than mere disclosure of weakness, notwithstanding that these may never be one hundred per cent. This is very much the role of the internal auditor who exists as much to safeguard the interests of directors as the external auditor does those of the shareholders. Internal audit focuses on the effectiveness of internal control systems which include all systems established to achieve the organisation's objectives and promote its policies, financial and otherwise. Its role also includes assessment of the necessity, efficiency and economy of those systems and thereby contributes to "value for money" throughout the organisation. While the directors may not delegate their ultimate responsibilities for the system of internal control, they may certainly utilise their internal audit advisory and consultancy services as well as assessment.

Having moved from external audit and internal audit, on to financial control and later into corporate finance in the City, my experiences suggest that many companies and other organisations, including those in the public sector, could improve usage of their internal audit functions without necessarily incurring any significant increase in costs. Far from retreating, the Rutteman recommendations offer finance directors yet another opportunity to provide innovative solutions for their chief executives. There may be knock on effects in that more internal auditors might find themselves held to greater account but the profession has a considerable body of well trained candidates who would not be adverse to this.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY JACOBUS,
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Long Sutton, Hampshire.

Shares dwindle

From John Dege

Sir, In 1987, I purchased 6,000 shares in Concorde Energy at a price of 80p. The name of this oil firm was subsequently changed to Kelt Energy plc. Seven years later, after several rights issues, the hostile takeover of Carless and a drastic change in the share structure, my 6,000 shares have shrunk to 128 new shares with a current value of 49p each.

Recently, the annual report proudly announced that — for the first time ever — a dividend was to be paid to ordinary shareholders and this I have received. The return on my original £5,000 investment in a major company amounts to £1.28.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DEGE,
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Tax where tax is due

From Michelle Milsum

Sir, This Government seems to be so short of money, what with constant cuts and new taxes; perhaps I have one possible explanation for their lack of income.

I know of a man who is now running his third company. Of the previous two, one ceased trading and one went into liquidation. Both of the previous companies owed hefty amounts of tax/NI, deducted from employees via the payroll, which should have been paid to the tax collectors. This was accrued over several years and yet the tax collectors seemed to have made virtually no effort to collect it.

Agreed, he received the odd letter from them, and I think once they made a personal visit, but no tax was paid. If each company that we read about in the recession that has "ceased trading" (and let's face it, there have been thousands) also owed these large amounts of unpaid taxes, accrued over several years, and if there are also many companies operating now who owe large amounts of taxes, is it any wonder, that we, the honest citizens, are being penalised by, for example, paying tax on our fuel bills and by cuts in our health service and defence?

Surely the tax collectors should make more effort to collect taxes where taxes are due, rather than penalising innocent people to support the guilty tax evaders.

Yours faithfully,
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Business Address

Postcode Tel No

Shares rally after early losses

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
823	281	Abbey Nil	436 †	+ 6	...	4.6	14.3
314	234	Allied Irish	283 †	+ 8	...	4.8	10.1
228½	179½	Ans New 2	188	- 2	...	5.1	28.1
3300	2637½	Bankamerica	3173 †	+25	...	...	...
319	266	Bk of Ireland	291	+ 4	...	4.5	8.4
247	172	Bank Scotland	210	+ 2½	...	3.0	17.2
640	497	Barclays	595 †	+ 9	...	2.5	18.4
27	13½	Carlisle	26½	...	...	1.1	...
530	449	Close Allen	530	+ 1	...	6.5	∞
180	130	Cortes	154	- 1½	...	4.3	15.6
2628½	1543½	Chase Nash	2421½	-12½	...	...	...
2012½	2262½	Citicorp	2680	...	...	...	...
287½	209	Close Bros	240	...	...	3.3	13.0
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£135½	-200	...	6.1	...
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£297½	-665½	...	2.3	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	69½	...	...	2.7	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1392½	-99½	...	0.4	∞
515	395	Gerrard Nat	487	...	22.0	3.6	14.1
1113	660	HSBC	744 †	+ 8	...	4.2	10.8
1133	680	HSBC Rfd	764 †	+ 7	...	4.0	11.1
473	256	Hambros	289	+ 1	...	6.3	13.3
443	400	Joseph (L)	415 †	- 3	...	5.3	12.1
170	131	King Shaxson	152	...	...	8.5	13.0
460	334	Kleinwort Ben	430 †	...	...	4.5	11.3
660	519	Lloyds	573 †	+ 9	...	5.0	11.3
118	95	Lon Scot Bk	117	...	...	3.8	17.8
639½	499½	Nat Aust Bk	507	- 8	...	5.8	10.6
622	421	Nat Wm	503 †	+ 9	...	4.8	9.4
573	415	Provident	538 †	+ 3	...	4.2	16.9
70	53	Rea Bros	65 †	...	...	1.8	16.7
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	434	...	...	3.5	19.6
1525	1050	Schroders	1525	+47	...	1.5	13.9
3599½	2223	Stand Chart	2681 †	+10	...	3.0	9.1
291	197	TSB	233 †	+ 5½	...	4.3	11.7
190	108	Union	120 †	...	...	4.7	11.1
1012	676	Warburg SG	780	+ 2	...	3.5	8.5
£165	$94½	Wells Fargo	£102½	-18½	...	2.6	...
260	194	Westpac	215	...	...	2.5	...
390	285	Wintrust	285 †	...	...	4.5	19.0

BREWERIES

683	540	Allied-Lyons	613	...	...	4.5	15.0
619	485	Bass	579	- 4	...	4.5	15.1
250	208	Boddington	229	- 4	...	3.4	14.4
450	358	Bulmer (HP)	411 †	...	...	3.3	23.7
198	168	Burnerd Bre	192	...	...	3.3	16.0
781	142	Eldridge P 'A'	157	...	...	2.9	21.8
46	40½	Fenner Brewing	5p	...	...	5.2	...
493	416	Fuller Sm 'A'	430	...	...	2.3	17.4
926	375	Grand Met	447 †	+ 3	...	3.7	19.4
511	399	Greenalls Grp	462	+ 4	...	3.4	17.2
384	452	Greene King	521	...	...	3.3	14.2
542	428	Guinness	480	...	...	3.3	15.8
265	230	Hardy Hanson	264	...	...	4.2	13.5
178	135	Mentzrose	170	...	...	3.0	15.3
640	497	Highland Dist	634	+ 5	...	3.2	16.0
3760	3125	Holt 1	3760	+80	...	1.6	21.2
203	127	MacAllan-Glen	203	...	...	0.7	58.1
650	366	Macdn Martn 'A'	650	...	...	1.9	26.7
298	195	Mansfield	243	...	...	2.3	∞
390	243	Marston Thmp	307	+ 1	...	3.3	15.9
634	544	Matthew Clark	634 †	...	...	3.5	14.1
250	113	Mrydwn W	123 †	...	...	2.5	...
565	493	Morland	508	...	...	2.5	17.0
10½	8½	Paramount	9½	...	...	2.2	15.7
267	209	Regent Inns	263	...	...	2.1	24.7
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1228½	-15½	...	2.2	20.0
591	493	Scot & Newc	533 †	- 3	...	4.0	15.8
190	143	Taunton Cider	175 †	- 1	...	4.7	13.1
306	229	Vaux Group	266	...	...	4.5	17.1
403½	324½	Wetherspoon JD	391	- 1	...	1.9	25.8
617	494	Whitbread	582½	+ 5½	...	4.0	16.9
580	443	Wolvrhmptn D	568	- 1	...	2.9	15.9
180	148	Yates Bros	171	...	...	3.5	14.0
535	483	Young 'A'	503	...	...	3.7	19.3

BUILDING, ROADS

205	135	Abbey	165 †	...	...	1.5	∞
23	13	Alfreghton	17 †	...	...	3.7	16.3
200	149	Allens	180	...	...	3.6	21.3
164	99	Amec	120	- 1	...	3.1	57.7
454	333	Ashtead	413 †	...	...	1.7	∞
165	109	Ashwoods	113	- 1	...	5.5	...
305	274	BPB Ind	302	+ 3	...	3.1	21.8
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	133	...	...	2.9	25.1
41	2p	Bailey (Benj) Con	35	...	...	2.5	21.2
18	8p	Barnes	15	...	...	8.8	3.0
60	38½	Bardon	45	...	...	5.6	...
282	180	Barratt Devt	216	+ 7	...	2.9	15.2
169	139	Beazer Homes	155	+ 5	...	4.0	13.6
304	198	Bellway	215	+ 1	...	3.6	20.2
98	67	Bellwinch	94	...	...	...	...
253	125	Berisford Intl	203	+ 3	...	...	...
341	301	Berkeley Gp	334	...	...	2.0	18.0
215	118	Bett Bros	180	- 5	...	1.9	9.0
93	60	Blockleys	71	...	...	1.8	...
391	262	Blue Circle	319	...	...	4.4	28.9
305	277	Boot (Henry)	278	...	...	2.9	14.1
84	35	Brandon Hire	78 †	- ½	2.6	2.4	∞
117	77	Brendon PLC	94	...	...	6.1	20.9
154	130	Br Dredging	150	+ 2	...	4.7	16.2
98	78	Brk Fittings	85	...	2.0	2.4	∞
197½	140	Bryant	183	+ 3	...	3.9	23.3
149½	111½	CALA	131	+ 2	...	2.4	...
409	321	CRH	395	+ 7	...	2.4	20.1
70	31	Calstead Eby	43	...	...	...	...
42	34	Cantain	37½	...	...	...	...
185	143	Countryside •	146 †	...	...	3.8	32.4
130	85	Crest Nicholson	92 †	...	...	2.3	17.1
140	100	Cussins	121	...	...	3.1	14.6
30	19	Edmond Hdgs	26	...	...	1.6	...
380	273	Epwin	329 †	- 2½	...	3.0	19.5
82	57	Erith	72	...	...	1.7	41.1
473	328	Eve Group•	328 †	...	...	4.2	∞
68	36	Galliford	36	...	...	3.5	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	101	...	...	3.4	...
1028	858	Gleeson (M.J.)	858	...	...	1.0	15.0
218	181	Graham Grp	182	+ 1	...	3.2	17.2
169	139	Hawden-Smart	159½	...	...	2.3	23.6
88	72	Hepworth	72 †	...	...	2.2	...
473	334	Heywd Wm	360	-11	...	4.8	23.7
144	93	Higgs & Hill	97	- 3	...	3.2	...
41	27	How Gp	36 †	- 1	...	2.8	...
32	20	Howard Hdgs	26 †	...	...	3.8	∞
100	65	Ibstock	80	...	...	1.6	...
26	6	Jarvis	9	...	...	...	...
138	108	Keller	126	- 1	...	3.4	14.4
428	261	Laing (J)	299	+ 2	...	3.8	21.3
164	104	-do- 8.4% CV PF	116½	+ 1	...	6.9	...
145	115	Ln Clydesdale •	127	+ 1	...	4.7	17.6
173	78	Lovell (T)	93	...	...	...	...
406	332	Lunders	383	...	...	3.3	18.6
213½	138½	Marley	160 †	...	...	3.3	19.0
155	12p	Marshalls	148 †	+ 4	...	3.6	18.1
253	196	Maunders (J)	246	...	...	2.7	23.6
321	194	McAlpine (A)	214	...	...	3.8	31.4
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	64	...	...	1.0	...
569	384	Meyer Int	430	+ 1	...	3.1	18.1
189½	94	Mowlem (J)	102	...	...	2.9	...
202½	98	NSM	110	...	...	...	12.7
198	146	Newman Tuks	177	- 2	...	4.4	23.7
379½	288	Persimmon	373	+ 1	...	4.3	24.2
20	8	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1550	...	29.0	2.4	22.0
198	129	Prowting	130	...	...	3.3	48.0
1078	805	RMC Gp	1007	+ 6	...	2.6	26.5
11p	6p	Raine Ind	7½	...	...	3.3	16.4
18	13	Ramsay	15	...	...	...	...
640	466	Redland	562	+ 4	...	5.6	29.5
80	70	Rentkil	103	+ 1	5.2	...	...
189½	125	Rugby Group	141	+ 1	...	3.1	18.8
61	53	Secure Restre	55	...	...	...	...
61	50	Sheffld-Fvrce	60	+ 1	0.5	0.9	∞
195	155	Sharpe & Fisher	189	...	...	2.8	20.7
282	252	Sheffield Insl	274	+ 2	...	2.5	22.8
360	253	Sheriff Hdgs•	360	...	...	1.5	24.0
158	94	Shorrock	158 †	...	...	4.4	28.0
345	195	Smart (J)	220	...	...	4.8	19.0
5	1½	Stanmin	1¼	...	...	...	...
205	135	Tarmac	163	+ 2	...	4.2	...
257	154	Tay Homes	176	...	...	4.3	18.9
183	121	Taylor Woodrw	143	...	...	1.3	34.9
760	580	Tilbury Dowgls	580	...	...	7.1	40.4
60	36	Torex Hire•	58 †	...	...	1.9	30.2
370	274	Travis Perkins	321	...	...	3.1	20.0
29½	16	Trencherwood	17	...	...	...	...
89	23	Try Group	28	...	...	2.2	...
28	21	Tribvre	25	...	...	1.2	...
113	60	Vibroplant	108½	...	...	4.1	∞
170	127½	Wainhomes	139	...	...	3.8	15.0
74	50	Ward Hdgs	65 †	...	...	1.0	...
63	33	Watchhouse	60	...	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	532	...	...	2.8	22.9
229½	194	Westbury	161	...	...	4.1	18.0
7	3½	Wiggins	5½	...	...	...	...
371	307	Wilson Bowdn	417 •	+22	...	2.9	15.0
298	230	Wimpey (G)	226	+ 3	...	2.3	22.1
240	151	Wimpey G	165	- 1	...	4.0	24.7
30	18	YRM	26	- 1	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

740	583	ADT	732	+ 4	...	...	...
473	252	Admin & Harvey	473 †	...	...	3.9	6.5
83	58	Air London•	63	...	...	6.9	13.8
62	44	African Lakes	55	...	...	1.1	...
140	92	Auto Sec	104	...	...	...	13.5
162	101½	BET Ord	116	+ ½	...	3.5	19.2
195	115	BNB Res	187	...	...	3.3	21.8
258	175	BPP	230	...	...	4.9	16.2
180	150	BSM	150	- 2	...	4.8	12.8
235	198	Barbour Index	198 †	...	...	5.4	∞
1½	...	Black & Edge	1¼	...	...	...	...
226	159	Brk Data Mgt	180	+ 1	4.0	3.8	11.7
31	22	Broadcastlne•	26	...	...	4.8	12.4
79	58	Bronks Service	72	...	...	2.6	...
117½	87	CRT Gp	92 †	...	...	4.5	∞
238	158	Capita Group	174 †	...	...	2.0	22.2
59	30	Casket Plc	35½	...	...	3.6	12.1
264	7½	Chiltern Capital	24	...	...	...	...
18	5½	Christie	5½	- 3	...	...	...
423	292	Chubb Sec	341	- 2	...	2.3	21.0
85	41	Corp Services	65	...	...	0.5	34.4
97	60	Courts Craig	68	- 3	...	0.6	...
179	140	Dart	149	...	...	4.7	15.9
226	213	Davis Service	229	+ 1	...	4.2	18.9
154	119	EW Facts	137	...	...	4.3	10.3
34	18½	Gardiner	19½	...	...	4.8	9.3
284	261	Hays	282	+ 2	...	2.3	17.2
289	230	Hogg Robinson	259	- 1	...	3.4	18.1
39	18	Holmes Protectn	27	...	...	...	1.6
265	200	Hunch Whamp	230½	- 3½	...	1.8	22.6
2696½	1811½	ISS B DKr	1950	+123½	...	5.4	2.1
609	428	Inchcape	488	- 2	...	4.0	14.0
165	155	JBA Hldgs.	155	...	...	1.0	15.8
414	276	Johnson Clean	276 †	...	...	4.9	11.1
8	4	Lep	4½	+ ½	...	...	...
378	283	Mitie Gp	378 †	+ 3	...	1.5	22.1
1726½	1156½	Manpower	1712½	+ 3½	...	0.8	...
115	65	Michael Page	106	- 3	...	2.7	25.8
143	90	Parity	137	- 4	...	2.7	35.6
115	95	Penauin	95	...	...	5.8	...
89½	60½	Prismfloor	75	...	...	5.8	18.5
415	300	RCD	300 †	- 8	...	6.3	10.4
123	97	REA	120	...	...	6.2	45.8
176	106	Reed Executive	176 †	...	1.0	0.7	...
140	105	Reliance Secs	140 †	...	...	4.2	∞
279	199½	Rentokil	253	+ 4	...	1.6	23.9
195	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	195	...	...	2.6	30.3
392	243	Salvesen KS	286	+ 2	...	3.4	15.4
68	43	Scot Fldcbrds	68 †	+ 4	...	1.7	∞
17½	9	Select Appts	13½	...	...	...	...
307	243	Serco Gp	307	...	...	1.5	26.0
130	75	Sherard Comp•	123	...	...	1.6	...
150	103	Stanshlay	107	...	...	3.7	16.2
338	302	Warner Howard	329	...	...	3.8	15.6
30½	20½	Wills Gp	22	+ 1½	...	2.4	15.4

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

156½	119½	Allied Colloids	138	- 3	...	2.1	22.2
1141	910	Amersham	1022	- 7	...	1.9	21.4
3½	1½	Anglo Ind	2	...	...	...	...
£140½	£106½	BASF DM	£133½	-190½	...	7.1	...
373	287	BTP	325	+ 1	...	3.8	20.6
£169½	£139½	Bayer DM450	£155½	-425	...	5.9	...
171	97	Brageden	128	...	...	1.5	58.9
131	98	Brent Chems	126	- 1	...	4.0	...
460	311½	Brit Biotech	433	...	...	...	30.8
13	5½	Caird Gp	7½	...	...	...	...
190	153	Canning (W)	184	...	...	4.7	32.8
580	467	Courtaulds	519	+ 2	...	3.6	41.9
380	327	Croda	336	...	...	2.7	19.7
133	95	Dostlex	121	...	...	4.8	13.7
263	225	Ellis & Everard	236 †	- 3	...	3.4	20.4
58	35½	Euro Colour	57	...	...	3.5	20.3
300	237	Halstead (J)	300	- 1	...	2.2	18.2
223	160	Hickson	177	...	...	5.7	15.6
2153½	1698½	Hoechst	2146½	-196½	...	5.1	...
250	153½	Holliday Chem	242½	...	...	2.3	10.8
866	725	ICI	841 †	- 8	...	4.1	69.9
843	704	Laporte	784	- 3	...	3.3	21.3
248	190	Leigh	237 †	- 1	...	4.3	20.8
95	48	MTM	91 †	...	...	0.7	...
2490½	1912½	Nestlé Hydro	2431½	-25	...	1.4	∞
625	461	Paterson Zoch	600	...	...	3.2	13.1
595	416	-do- 'A'	582	...	...	3.3	12.7
250	188	Plysu	190	- 1	...	4.6	27.2

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349	265	Powrsik	323	+ 1	...	1.6	24.2
66	37	Smiths Indstrs	38 †	...	...	1.6	22.5
490	361	Wardle Storeys	420	...	...	5.1	22.0
775	570	Wheelbrine K	770	+ 7	...	2.9	19.4
483	380	Yorks Chem	435 †	- 3	...	2.4	18.8
336	258	Yule Catto	326	...	...	2.4	24.9
869	672	Zeneca	834	+10	...	4.2	16.5

DRAPERY, STORES

248	203	Allders	228	+ 2	...	3.3	17.0
410	330	Argos Plc	357	- 3	...	2.9	18.7
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	71	+ 1	...	0.2	...
357	300	Asprey	310	...	...	2.4	15.3
232	176	Austin Reed	232	...	...	3.0	13.0
168	139	Bennie (J) 'A'	140	...	...	3.5	15.1
150	110	Beniards	129	...	...	1.9	48.6
105	73	Benetwear	74	...	...	4.4	8.0
48	36	Blacks Leis	40 †	...	...	7.0	∞
264	205	Body Shop	259	- 1½	...	1.1	21.5
601	504	Boots	548½	- 2½	...	3.4	21.8
12½	7½	Brown & Jackson	9½	...	...	...	...
249	210	Brown (N)	249	...	...	3.0	23.9
74½	57	Burton	64½	- ½	...	1.9	...
245	180	Cantors	192	- 1	...	2.6	∞
520	388	Church	485	...	...	3.4	27.8
171	9p	Clinton Cards	98	...	...	5.9	8.5
287	200	Coats Viyella	252	- 6	...	6.4	19.7
170	145	Cnty Casuals	154	...	...	3.5	15.7
903	740	Coutts Furnish	774 †	...	...	1.0	30.4
210	155	Crown Eyea	198 †	+25	...	0.0	8.6
137	93½	Dairy Farm Intl	103½	+ 1½	...	3.5	14.2
163	97½	Dewhirst (JJ)	142½	+ ½	...	1.2	25.9
287	170	Dixons Grp	265 †	- 2	...	4.3	24.8
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	9½	...	...	...	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	17.0	3.7	∞
284	191	Essex Farm	254	+ 3	...	2.3	32.6
321½	217	Fenn	321½	+ 8½	...	2.6	22.8
558	494	Fine Art Dev	522½	+ 3½	14.3	3.4	16.2
50	46	Fired Earth	48	...	...	...	...
726	680	Formfitter	723 †	...	...	2.8	∞
241	124	French Connc•	241	+ 6	...	...	...
127	85	Goldsmiths Gp	127	...	...	1.1	22.8
653	549½	GUS	587	+ 1	...	2.8	17.0
196	164	Hamleys	187	...	...	3.1	18.0
31	21	Hampden Grp•	25	...	...	2.1	...
70½	13½	Harrstone	19 †	+ 1	...	2.1	...
91	66	Honeysuckle•	74	+ 8	...	4.2	10.9
226½	178	Hse of Fraser	224½	+ 9½	...	2.8	20.2
211	173	Jacques Vert	201	+ 1	...	3.5	17.0
778	477	Kingfisher	536	+ 7	...	2.9	19.4
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	66 †	...	...	7.4	14.3
390	308	Liberty	378	...	...	1.5	48.9
468	377	Lloyds Chem	421½	- 2½	...	3.1	15.9
184	137	MFI	144 †	- 1½	...	3.5	18.6
460½	380	Marks Spencer	428½	+ ½	...	2.7	19.9
680	554	Menzies (John)	594	...	...	2.5	14.4
343	258	Moss Bros	328	...	...	2.7	16.0
278	214	Next	269	...	...	2.6	20.0
73	39	Oliver (G)	73	...	...	...	78.5
335	255	Oriflame Ind	297 †	+ 1	...	4.4	13.5
37	19	Person	19½	...	...	...	...
268	169	QS Hldgs	173	...	...	3.8	20.4
62	25	Rhino Grp•	35	...	...	3.8	18.1
209	155	Rosebys	155 †	...	...	3.8	18.1
180	113	Sherwood Gp	118	...	...	3.1	17.7
150	110	Sears	121	...	...	3.8	22.4
46	23½	Signet Group	30½	...	...	...	13.5
540	450	Smith WH	496	...	3½	3.9	25.6
21	10½	Specialcyclea•	12	...	...	...	...
252	205	Stanbrdge	252	...	...	2.5	25.7
203	181	Stanley Thos•	194	...	...	3.1	13.4
251	187	Steal Elect	257	- 1	...	2.1	21.1
50	33	Stelmetec	46	...	...	4.6	15.9
43	27	Stelline•	41	+ 2	...	1.5	...
166	73	Real Times •	164 †	...	...	3.0	...
311	229	Roxboro	258	...	...	0.9	18.9
610	509	Sage Gp	594	...	...	2.2	15.7
94	74	Sanderson Elec	88	...	...	4.0	...
89	19	Scanwards	26	...	...	4.1	...
256	162	Scholes Grp	253	...	...	0.8	∞
428	310	Sema Gp	422	...	...	0.9	25.4
270	245	Servomex	248	...	...	3.2	27.8
49	37	Silverstrines	39	+ 1	...	2.7	22.6
94	63	Soundtracks•	84	...	...	4.4	15.4
3225	2265½	TDK	2831½	- 3½	...	1.1	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits•	14	...	...	...	...
170	83	Telemetrix	94	- 1	...	1.3	12.0
308	191	Teleprer	303	+10	...	1.0	36.6
1955	1778	Thorn EMI	1811½	+ 2	...	4.4	16.2
207	133	Thorpe FW	204	...	...	1.7	18.4
43	22	Toval Systems•	25	...	...	1.2	...
303	215	Tomkinl	247	...	...	1.8	17.7
363	256	Unitech	343 †	- 5	...	2.4	20.8
1p	1p	Verity	1p	- ½	...	...	...
31	21½	Vistrx•	23	...	...	2.2	12.5
212	157½	Vodafone	200	...	...	1.7	28.1
485	395	Volex	421 †	...	...	5.4	18.5
31	20	Western Selectn	26	74	0.2	1.2	...
335	260	Wholesale Figs	274	...	11.7	5.5	∞

ELECTRICITY

787	537	East Midlands	757 †	- 3	...	3.7	59.7
966	566	Eastern Elect	782 †	- 1	...	3.9	12.9
477	322	Hydro--Elect	407 †	- 1	...	3.9	12.9
753	534	London Elect	695	-12	...	4.0	10.6
864	635	Manweb	831 †	+ 8	...	3.7	9.9
849	547	Midlands Elec	798 †	+ 7	...	3.7	12.1
520	404½	National Power	518	+ 2	...	3.8	12.9
858	580	Northern Elec	824 †	+14	...	3.8	10.3
421	338	Nthn Ireland	396 †	...	...	3.6	10.8
850	587	Norweb	797 †	...	...	3.6	10.5
602	440	PowerGen	584 †	- 1	...	2.7	13.0
486	337½	Scottish Power	408 †	- 2	...	3.8	12.9
455	359	Seeboard	444 †	- 7	...	3.3	11.7
1001	791	Sth Wales	970	+ 9	...	4.6	10.8
824	551	Sth Western	810 †	- 6	...	3.6	10.6
837	540	Southern Elec	788 †	- 9	...	3.7	12.0
765	532	Yorkshire Elec	770 †	- 6	...	3.8	15.0

FINANCE, LAND

57	51	Aitken Hume	51 ß	...	...	2.5	...
165	99	BWD•	104 †	...	...	4.8	8.9
110	96	Baltic Plc	110	...	...	1.6	13.2
215	163	Bloast Inv	168	...	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	752	+ 3	...	2.7	18.6
2650	1900	Cazenilla	2640	...	...	1.5	7.1
363	310	Candover	336	+ 1	...	4.1	...
212	198	Exco	208	- 1	...	5.1	11.3
465	367	Gover	388	...	...	4.8	6.3
280	186	Ivory Sime	220	...	...	3.6	10.2
628	175	Johnson Fry	200	...	1.5	0.9	...
245	143	Lon Forfaiting•	170	...	...	6.8	10.6

BRITISH FUNDS

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int Yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
103⅝	100⅜

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UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
St. Richmond Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1BZ
0895 259 788

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growing Income	182.50	171.00	- 0.60	0.10
Growing Equity	243.50	257.60	- 1.30	1.52
Growing Euro	304.50	316.40	+ 1.40	...
Growing Eqty Pac	118.00	122.70	...	2.01
Growing Gilt	71.39	73.39	- 0.48	5.80
Growing Japan	195.50	206.50	- 0.80	...

AIA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry
0203 553 276 Dealing: 0800 838 588

General Acc	542.00	576.60	- 1.80	2.57
General Inc	484.30	515.30	- 1.60	2.57
UK Growth Acc	365.30	388.70	- 1.20	2.66
UK Growth Inc	353.70	366.60	+ 0.90	2.66
Higher Inc Acc	660.30	722.50	- 1.80	3.61
Higher Inc Inc	490.60	537.20	- 1.40	3.61
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	178.10	188.10	- 1.20	6.48
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	86.58	91.43	+ 0.69	6.48
Nth America	256.30	272.70	- 1.40	....
Far East	79.23	84.30	- 0.50	....
Europe	277.80	295.60	- 0.10	0.75
Int'l Recvll	72.55	77.18	+ 0.26	2.66
Int'l Fixd Int Acc	108.50	107.00	- 0.50	4.48
Int'l Fixd Int Inc	95.51	101.62	- 0.34	4.48
Balanced Acc	94.20	98.20	- 0.23	2.20
Balanced Inc	53.94	57.39	- 0.23	2.20

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
80 Hatchetstone Rd, Gourmonmere 0345 717 333

High Income				
Gilt & Fixed Int	134.90	132.50	+ 1.20	6.01
High Inc Equity	164.50	175.90	+ 0.90	4.97
Worldwide Bond	264.50	280.50	+ 1.30	3.94
Capital Growth				
American Growth	289.70	309.60	- 0.80	.76
Asian Pacific	260.20	283.70	- 0.60	....
Assets & Earnings	269.50	286.70	- 0.70	2.33
Country & Energy	126.60	134.70	+ 1.10	.72
Euro Capital Inc	134.30	143.00	+ 0.60	.68
General	227.40	242.10	+ 0.70	2.25
Japan	138.20	147.10	- 0.90	....
Mastertrust	148.80	155.90	....	1.19
UK Growth Dist	131.40	141.00	+ 0.30	2.13
UK Smaller Cos	128.30	137.50	+ 0.90	1.39
Income & Growth	303.90	419.00	- 1.20	2.98
Ethical	71.45	76.01	+ 0.23	2.50
International	120.50	128.80	- 0.40	.51
Dividend & Growth	61.25	65.49	+ 0.28	4.28
Global Gwth & Inc	65.74	70.08	+ 0.05	2.44

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS.
031 226 3271

UK Small Cos	£17.28	£18.01	....	....

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ

0345 333 000				
Aberdeen Portfolio	62.69	63.89	- 0.10	0.77
Amer Inc & Growth	43.96	46.41	- 0.11	0.67
Cash	99.00	99.00	+ 0.02	4.50
European	112.20	119.40	- 0.60	....
Exempt	£40.36	£40.36	0.30	1.69
Extra Income	92.50	96.17	- 0.08	4.23
Far East Emg Ben	120.00	133.40	- 0.10	0.47
Fixed Interest	22.83	23.97	- 0.15	7.39
Fund Inv Tst	186.20	198.20	- 0.10	0.84
Japan	199.80	212.70	- 1.10	....
Latin American	78.19	83.37	- 0.77	0.58
Pacific	77.23	82.35	- 0.40	0.39
Property Share	69.94	72.83	- 0.28	1.81
UK Emerging Cos	66.29	70.77	+ 0.19	1.75
UK Growth	65.73	69.95	- 0.08	2.57
World Growth	78.64	83.77	+ 0.19	0.66
Ethical	63.74	68.05	+ 0.11	3.57
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	48.75	48.75	- 0.34	8.69

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 680 336

UK Equity Income	99.05	105.37	....	2.85
UK Equity Growth	88.61	94.27	....	2.07
European	70.90	75.43	....	0.86
Nth American	69.30	73.74	....	0.19
Far Eastern	78.48	83.51	....	0.54
Money	66.34	66.34	....	3.72
Fixed Interest	69.50	73.94	....	7.30
Index Linked Gilt	64.37	68.48	....	1.39

ARGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
29 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF
031 549 2525

British Growth	71.78	76.38	- 0.13	2.72
British Income	81.89	87.17	- 0.07	5.44
Select Portfolio	90.59	96.37	- 0.13	....

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR.
0482 305 958

Amity Income	76.18	80.87	- 0.04	2.32
Income Builder Inc	69.09	73.50	- 0.02	2.69

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
TPA dlg: 0793 693 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514

Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	238.10	254.50	+ 1.20	3.21
Capital	418.30	447.10	+ 1.60	1.73
Balanced	668.20	720.50	....	2.09
Accumulator	1126.4	1213.51	+ 7.00	2.91
Income Trusts				
American Income	48.09	51.40*	- 0.02	3.58
High Income	401.50	428.30*	+ 2.40	3.60
Higher Income	257.80	275.40*	+ 1.50	3.53
High Yield	249.60	266.40*	+ 0.90	3.52
Govt Securities	32.35	34.15	- 0.23	5.33
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	138.60	148.40	- 0.20	0.48
European Growth	35.94	38.50	- 0.20	0.08
International	169.50	180.90	....	0.22
Japan	238.00	253.30	- 2.60	0.01
Pacific	441.90	472.30	- 2.30	0.02
Spec of America	610.30	636.30	- 1.30	0.45
Worldwide Asset Val	80.48	83.99*	- 0.25	0.58
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	529.10	565.60*	+ 2.30	2.30
Comm & Gilt	45.14	48.25*	- 0.05	4.54
Smaller Cos	170.60	182.30	- 0.30	1.24
2nd Smaller Cos	161.10	172.20*	- 0.30	1.18
Recovery	141.40	151.10*	+ 0.40	1.72
Nth Mth & Cnty	143.50	153.40*	+ 0.60	1.74
Overseas Earnings	95.00	101.50	- 0.50	1.83
Technology	158.50	167.30	- 0.67	0.01
UK Special Sits	459.30	490.90*	+ 1.70	1.84

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 536 911

Consol Cnt Prop	98.72	103.60	....	1.45
Fourmth Perl Fund	42.61	44.08	....	4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
28 St Andrew Sq, London EC2M 4AE
071 283 6767

Capital	-73.36	78.04	- 0.20	1.85
International	54.91	58.07	....	0.13

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

America	288.03	310.70	+ 0.50	....
Bond	164.50	174.50	- 1.40	7.35
Brit Smlr Cos	101.80	108.40	+ 0.10	1.39
Conv & Gen	66.67	71.15	+ 0.09	3.23
Energy	442.70	477.70	- 2.10	0.22
Europe	240.30	255.80	- 1.20	0.46
Euro Smlr Cos	109.30	116.40	- 0.40	0.81
Income Growth	347.90	371.00	- 2.20	4.27
Japan	349.90	371.70	- 2.20	0.68
Pacific	117.40	124.50	- 0.39	0.68
UK Smlr Cos	93.25	98.65	+ 0.19	0.50
Japan Yield	892.40	925.10	- 4.60	....
Managed Pn	176.40	187.60	- 0.80	2.89

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8625
Brit & Queen | 282.00 | 307.40 | .... | 1.22
Capital Gwth | 116.90 | 123.10 | .... | 2.17
World Opps | 168.40 | 198.30 | .... | 0.41

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BQ 081 534 5544

Balanced Trusts				
Inst Inv Pd Inc	351.30	366.80	- 2.0	2.70
European Bd Inc	87.97	91.69*	- 0.01	8.20
General	75.33	80.56	- 0.09	4.08
Financial	72.90	77.97	+ 0.07	2.65
500.0	458.30	487.00*	....	2.54
General	226.50	240.70	- 1.40	2.54
Property	249.20	266.50	....	5.70
Trustee	179.90	192.40	- 1.0	2.15
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60	+ 0.10	4.22
Extra Income	119.30	127.50	+ 0.40	3.87
Gilt & Fxd Int	85.44	87.28	- 0.28	7.87
Income	539.50	566.50*	- 1.90	3.98
Income Builder	83.71	87.84	+ 0.24	4.59
Intl Income	95.53	99.71	- 0.13	3.43
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	136.50	124.20*	- 0.40	2.96
Leisure	122.50	130.80	- 0.40	1.17
Recovery	418.80	447.90	- 0.10	1.70
Smlr Cos Inc	43.36	46.71*	+ 0.05	1.68
Special Sits	280.70	300.20*	- 0.50	1.51
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	122.40	128.20	- 0.20	0.60
Asia Pac	260.30	276.70	- 1.30	1.94
Asset Inc	161.70	172.10	- 2.0	1.94
Euro Gwth Inc	153.30	162.40*	+ 0.70	0.47
Japan & Gen Inc	197.90	209.50	- 0.40	....
Japan Spec Sits	91.58	97.01	- 0.50	....
Unit Trust Inc	81.54	86.37	- 0.07	0.34
Worldwide	178.70	189.70	- 0.20	0.58

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4BQ
081 658 9062

American Growth	92.28	98.02	- 0.46	....
Amer Smlr Cos	124.10	128.40	- 0.20	....
Cash Trust	50.46	53.08	+ 0.01	4.10
Commodities	57.26	61.24	+ 0.01	5.40
Eastern	304.50	328.20	+ 0.60	0.10
Equity Income	90.73	96.52*	- 0.01	4.90
European Growth	200.30	217.00	- 0.20	1.10
Europe	225.80	238.60	+ 1.50	0.60
German Growth	23.05	77.34	+ 0.26	0.10
Global Bond	61.79	66.10	- 0.05	5.80
Global Growth	124.00	132.80	- 0.60	....
Japan Growth	221.30	236.80	- 2.20	....
Japan Smaller	198.30	211.70	- 1.70	....
Korea Trust	83.17	92.98	- 1.33	....
Portfolio	134.40	142.50*	- 0.50	1.60
UK Growth	84.74	94.40	+ 0.18	1.60
UK Smaller Cos	91.83	98.21	+ 0.26	1.50
Select Managers	75.52	80.88	- 0.09	1.10

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3000

Intl Gwth Fort Inc	80.03	85.14	....	....
Special Oppor Inc	57.94	61.66*	....	....

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6481

Special Sits	171.00	182.50	+ 1.80	0.88
Dividend	82.52	88.08*	- 1.52	3.80
Int Gth & Inc	211.30	226.10	- 1.40	2.59
UK Growth	139.70	149.20*	- 0.46	1.62
Fund of Funds	97.16	31.83	- 0.03	....

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 223 6820

Balanced Growth	108.75	116.08	- 0.51	1.83
Smaller Cos	305.95	313.19	+ 0.05	2.15
Higher Yield	44.49	47.08	- 0.19	3.39
American Gth Inc	72.82	77.08	- 0.09	....
European Growth	197.20	145.19*	- 0.23	0.04
Global Yield Inc	28.72	30.37	- 0.13	5.57
Managed Pfolio Inc	43.70	45.28	- 0.11	1.07
Int Equit Opps	121.89	128.98	- 0.18	0.10
Pacific Gth	140.61	148.79	- 0.79	....
Formerly LAS				
UK Growth	79.54	84.17	- 0.22	1.93
Japan	70.32	74.47*	- 0.31	....
Gilt & Fixed Int	82.09	93.99*	- 1.34	6.11

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7266

Short Dated Gilt	63.70	64.53	- 0.18	5.60

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 185, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5050

Environ	153.30	162.60	- 0.20	1.49
UK Growth	166.40	177.30*	- 0.20	2.11
UK Income	132.90	141.40	- 0.80	4.18

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 655 122

Can Gen Dist	187.80	199.00*	- 0.70	1.99
-do- Income Dist	108.60	115.10	- 0.20	4.34
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.40	40.70*	- 0.15	6.66

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
35 Temple Street, Manchester M12 7AS
PO Box 351, Birmingham. Kent B3 3HL Dealing: 0345 256 256/021 200 2020

American & Gen	148.80	158.50*	- 0.80	....

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
5 Cheapside Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 588 2828

Cazenove Portfolio	82.39	87.89	- 0.08	2.27
American Portfolio	88.41	94.14	- 0.49	1.62
European Portfolio	96.58	102.94	- 0.06	0.62
Japanese Portfolio	74.20	78.93	- 0.18	....
Pacific Portfolio	148.00	158.24	- 0.60	0.74
UK Inc & Growth	76.32	81.49	+ 0.09	3.29
Utility & Bond	56.72	56.85	+ 0.08	5.66

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 353 5868
UK General Tst | 65.70 | 69.89 | - 0.21 | 2.86

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7867

Inv Grown	140.28	152.49*	....	4.987
UK Income	118.75	120.54	....	

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5964

Recession Intl	75.0	79.51	....	2.30
Rech Mo-Vest	27.49	30.62	....	....
Accum Ethical Tst	156.67	164.70	....	1.28
City Fin Assets	71.71	76.04	- 1.25	1.04
City Fin America	84.88	89.35	....	....
City Fin Intl	79.43	83.61	....	0.47
City Fin Japan	182.52	192.86	....	....
Master Portfolio	1393.94	1393.05	- 99.00	1.38
Special Sits	96.61	102.79	- 1.02	2.15
High Yield	113.38	113.75	- 1.80	4.12

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 838 588

American Gwth Tst	36.11	38.62	....	0.20
Cash Income	50.37	50.37	+ 0.02	4.83
European Gwth	43.85	45.52	- 0.09	....
Income & Gwth Inc	28.02	29.98	+ 0.10	4.09
Intnl Gwth	31.90	34.11	- 0.22	0.15
Japan Gwth	30.18	32.27*	- 0.29	....
Managed Tst Inc	49.59	52.60	- 0.03	1.19
Smaller Cos	47.25	50.57	....	....
Oriental Opps Inc	155.80	166.60*	....	....
Property Shares	43.06	45.69	- 0.14	0.54
Smaller Cos	47.25	50.56	+ 0.04	1.32
UK Growth Tst	28.00	29.90	- 0.11	2.29
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Bus Global Inc	78.80	78.80	- 0.61	1.44
Cap Bus UK Inc	68.64	73.19	+ 0.17	2.45
Income Fd	29.84	30.70	....	1.26
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	148.00	156.30*	- 0.30	1.67
Foundation	44.53	48.10	+ 0.20	2.34
Gension	53.06	56.48	+ 0.04	....
High Income	74.66	79.84*	- 0.04	5.58
Income	141.30	150.90	- 0.80	2.05
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.20	108.70	....	1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90	....	1.07
Monthly Income	85.13	91.15	+ 0.04	3.91
North American	104.30	111.40	- 0.60	....

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Bathurst Court, 15 Bothwell Park,
Croydon CR9 2AQ 081 686 9855
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PFT FUNDS)

Income Funds				
Equity Inc	164.56	175.06	- 0.21	5.13
Fixed & Convertible	49.77	53.37	- 0.04	7.26
Monthly Inc Plus	47.72	50.77	- 0.15	8.53
Preference Shares	46.57	49.54	- 0.08	7.40
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	130.70	134.79	- 0.38	6.90
Managed Fund	69.82	72.15	- 0.55	2.46
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	41.33	43.97	+ 0.15	1.54
UK & General	79.34	84.40	- 0.31	2.27
UK Growth	143.27	152.79	- 0.41	2.38
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	185.09	207.54*	- 0.77	0.34
Far Eastern Gwth	145.09	154.38	- 0.86	....
Global Bond	78.70	83.68	- 0.02	6.26
Japan Growth	134.25	143.35	- 1.10	0.47
North American Gwth	157.38	162.23	- 2.05	....
Oriental Growth	88.04	98.34	- 0.35	....
Worldwide Growth	68.43	68.61	- 0.44	0.07
PFTGEN GU TRUSTS (NON-PFT FUNDS)				
Deposit Funds	92.81	92.81	- 0.05	4.28
Homemaker Fund	78.06	83.04	- 0.39	1.82
Quilter Fund	131.77	138.54*	- 0.55	2.45

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Tower Hse, Sovereign, Horsham RH12 1NN
0403 741 888

Growth Inc	94.11	92.88	- 0.08	2.98
High Income	34.05	36.28	- 0.07	4.80
Japan	98.96	43.20	- 0.55	....
Smaller Cos Inc	37.13	39.55	- 0.05	1.30
Smaller Cos	35.27	35.39	- 0.05	2.20
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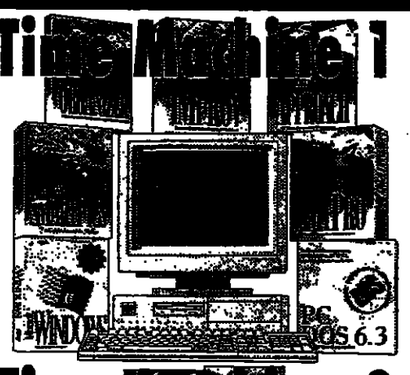
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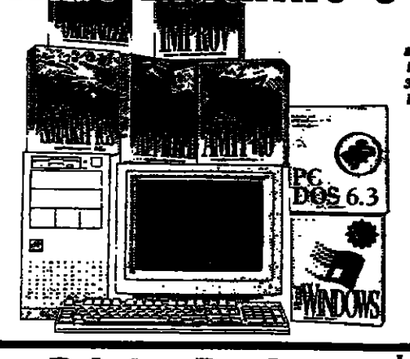
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Small firms favour accountants for advice

MORE advice and support is available for small businesses than ever before, but over three months, 30 per cent of those approached in a new survey had sought no help (Derek Harris writes). Those that did largely favoured an accountant (45 per cent) or a bank (26 per cent).

The picture emerges from the first small business survey by the small business research centre at Kingston University for Office World, the office supplies stores chain that meets most small business needs, from stationery and furniture to computer software. Office World is part of the Magazine zum Globus group, of Switzerland.

Nearly 16 per cent of small businesses turned to solicitors. It was the less traditional sources of aid, whose numbers have been swelling, which attracted the least attention. These included TECs, which attracted 9 per cent, consultants (7 per cent), enterprise agencies (nearly 6 per cent), chambers of commerce (nearly 5 per cent) and trade associations (4 per cent).

Over three months, 44 per cent of the small businesses reported turnover increases. Construction and manufacturing firms were ahead of service firms in performance.

About 30 per cent added to their workforces in the quarter. Uppermost issues of concern were tax cuts, support for small businesses, late payment and the unified business rate. There were also many complaints about excessive red tape, especially that arising from new European legislation.

Office World is one of the new generation of office supplies superstores aimed primarily at selling to small businesses. It has 25 units now open, with plans for another six by the end of this year.

PC World, part of the Dixons group, is another key supplier, especially of computers and software. Another chain heading for a national spread of outlets is Staples, the joint venture between America's leading office supplies dealer of the same name and Kingfisher. So far, 12 Staples outlets have been opened.

Office World Quarterly Small Business Survey: Globus Office World, Caversham House, 82 Caversham Road, Reading RG1 8AE. (£100 including VAT and postage).

Computer aid boosts designers' fortunes

By Derek Harris

RAY Nottage and Nigel Taffs have been in business 14 years, in the bespoke technical computer software business. In that time, they have seen more software businesses of various kinds than they care to remember go to the wall.

They are extremely conservative in their approach, but Mr Taffs still says: "In our UK business, we are working on very low margins. We are just staying alive. Exports are 30 per cent of sales — what we need is 70 per cent."

In the fiercely competitive computer software business, their business, Computair, now seems to have a secret weapon that could transform their fortunes. Ironically, it looks likely not to remove anxieties but simply switch them from just staying alive in the market place to coping with an orders flood that could threaten to outpace the number of people making up the skills base.

What Computair, of Toddington, Bedfordshire, does, latterly in a far more complex way, is to use computer technology to design air handling units (AHUs), which is the technical name for heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, typically for big office buildings, factories and other large buildings. An AHU system tailored for a specific building involves a series of components manufactured by a variety of companies. Mr Taffs said: "The trick is to be on the ground floor by, say, first designing the heat exchangers in conjunction with the makers involved."

In producing the design specifications for AHU systems, Computair at first was offering an almost unique service and, even now, relatively few companies operate in the AHU market. Its main competitors are a firm in Belgium, two in France and two in Finland.

Until a year ago, Computair was producing design specifications for total contracts, so quotations for the work could be sought. This left makers chosen to construct the system with the job of programming the actual manufacturing operation. In Dublin, the Computair partners met Louis Hoffman, whose company, CCSI, deals with this manufacturing phase using computer-aided design (CAD) techniques.

It was the discovery that these complementary phases could successfully be welded into a single, powerful computerised package that promises to transform the chances for both Computair and its Irish partner.

Mr Taffs said: "We went over to the United States to see what we might be up against and there did not seem to be any packages similar to ours. Already, we have one order worth $140,000, and it looks likely it is the tip of an iceberg. We expect to secure up to $500,000 in American orders this year."

He added: "We reckon it would take others a minimum of two-and-a-half years to get where we are now. And, of course, we are not standing still because the systems are being developed all the time."

Computair turnover is currently £250,000 a year, having grown steadily. Mr Taffs is looking to America to add up to £200,000 in turnover, with a prospect of transatlantic sales then doubling. An office in the United States is being contemplated.



JAMES MORGAN

Ray Nottage, left, and Nigel Taffs are looking for American orders

Phone companies sound warning bell on code switch

By Rodney Hobson

WIDESPREAD publicity has apparently failed to alert small businesses to the impending change in national telephone codes.

The new numbers, with 1 added after the 0 on trunk calls, are already running in parallel with existing numbers. Yet research by British Telecom and Mercury indicates that four out of five businesses have still made no plans for the changeover. Up to a quarter of businesses believe that they will be unaffected by the change and two-thirds are unaware that the new codes can be used already.

Gisela Burg, chairman of Oftel's advisory committee on telecommunications for small businesses, said it was crucial that those businesses that had not yet begun preparations for Phoneday on April 16, 1995, should start to do so. Those that failed to prepare for the change until the last moment were likely to risk incurring additional costs and disruption.

Oftel, the regulatory authority for telecoms, decided on the change in 1992 to create more telephone numbers to meet demand. To avoid disruption when the switch to the new codes is completed next Easter, both the old and the new codes can be used over the next seven months. International dialling will start with 00 instead of 010. Five cities in urgent need of more numbers — Leeds, Leicester, Sheffield, Bristol and Nottingham — will receive entirely new codes and an extra digit on their numbers.

Nick Stratta, Mercury's marketing manager for the code change, urges firms to contact their equipment maintainers as soon as possible to arrange a date for reprogramming to be carried out.

Alan Croft, who is responsible for Phoneday at BT, says businesses should already have:

☐ Reprogrammed switchboards if they need to bar national and international calls.

☐ Appointed a professional team to oversee planning for Phoneday.

☐ Briefed all staff who deal directly with customers.

Before next April 16 they should:

☐ Print new telephone and fax codes on business stationery that will be used after next April.

☐ Use the new codes when repainting signs and vehicle liveries

☐ Ensure advertising and publicity campaigns refer to the new codes.

☐ Update memory and autodial systems on computers, faxes, mobile and personal phones.

☐ Change fire and security alarm systems that dial numbers.

☐ Change personal records and update databases.

☐ Inform overseas offices and customers.



Stratta: arrange reprogramming



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BRIEFINGS

The South West, one of the hardest hit regions during the recession, is showing distinct signs of recovery for the first time since 1990, according to Barclays Bank in its latest trends analyses published in its small business bulletin. More than 15,500 new businesses were started in the region in the first six months of this year, compared with 14,600 in the same period last year. This was a 6.3 per cent rise. David Lavarack, head of small business services at Barclays, said the bank's long-term forecasts suggested that the region would have above-average start-up levels for new businesses in the future. This is because there will be more favourable opportunities for urban development. Another factor is that numbers in the critical start-up age group of between 25 and 45 years are growing. Continued growth nationally in the small business sector in the first half of this year, with the number of start-ups increasing, has been charted by the bank.

☐ More than 200 young entrepreneurs who started with help from the Prince's Youth Business Trust will be at a PYBT trade fair at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre from next Sunday to September 14 as part of the international autumn trade fair being held there. The fair gives new entrepreneurs a chance to sell to national and international buyers.

☐ Insolvencies in the first quarter of this year were 21 per cent fewer than in the first quarter of 1993, the *NatWest Review of Small Business Trends* says. Ian Peters, head of the bank's small business services, said: "The downward trend in insolvencies and the recent upward trend in the number of new small businesses being created are encouraging signs that the sector is returning to better times."

☐ Solotec, the South London Training and Enterprise Council, has set up a no-cost business review service. The idea is to help local businesses to improve their performance by an appraisal of all aspects of their operations with recommendations for action. Details: 081-313 9232.

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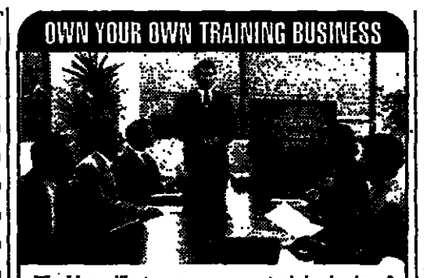
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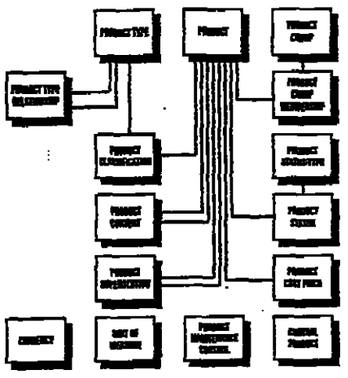
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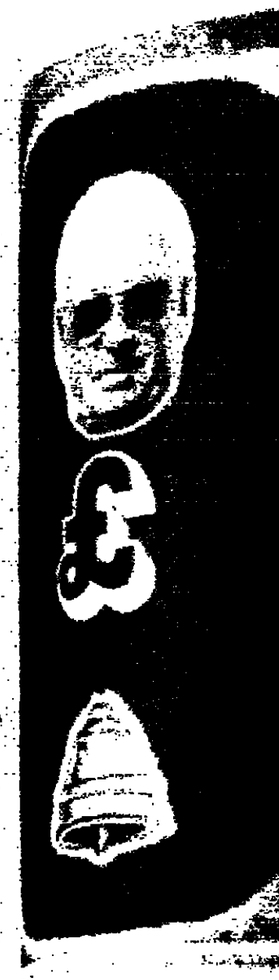
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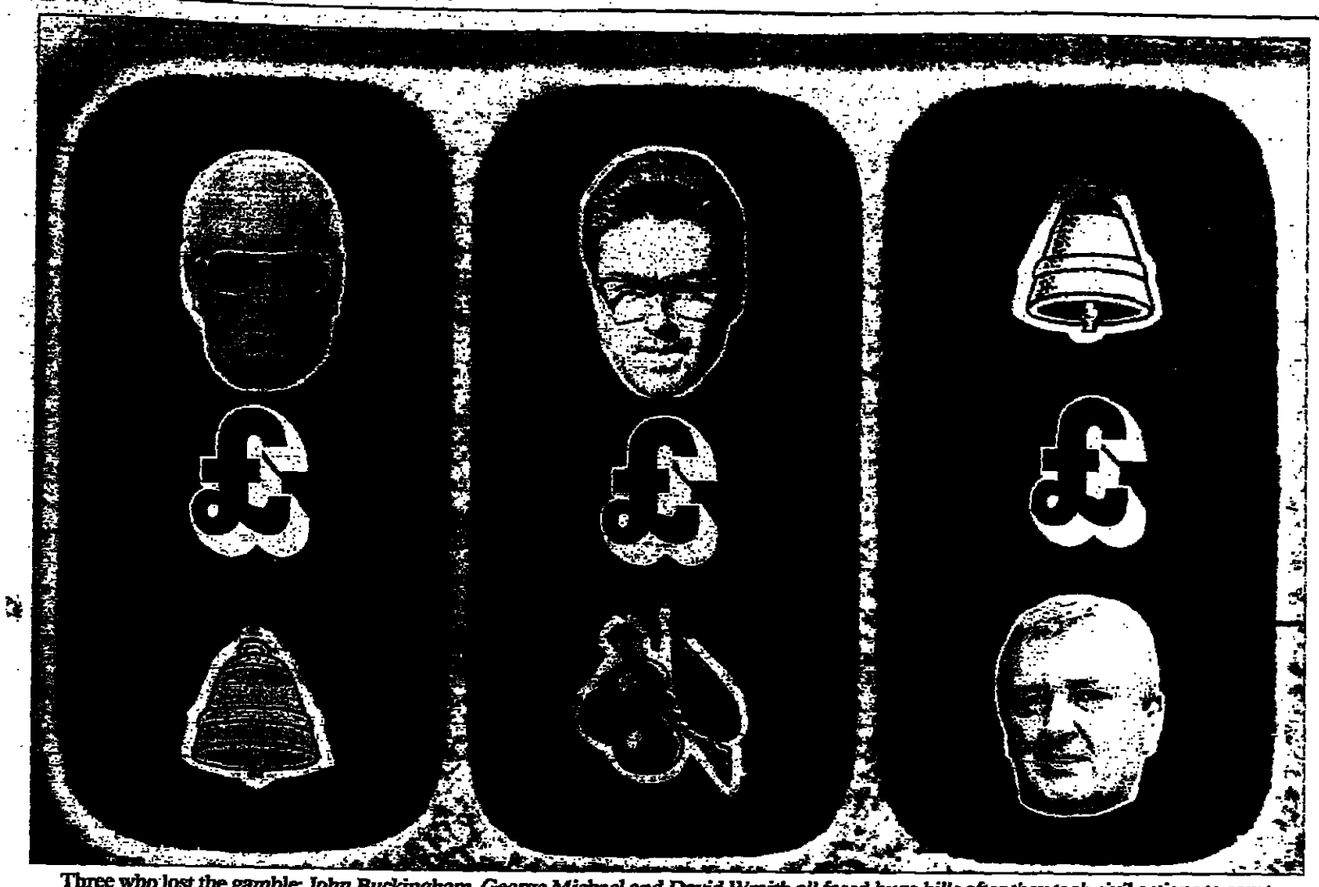
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Three who lost the gamble: John Buckingham, George Michael and David Wraith all faced huge bills after they took civil actions to court

Losers in the legal lottery

Frances Gibb examines Lord Woolf's proposals for reducing the high cost of litigation for those who sue

As some 2,000 lawyers enjoyed their annual jamboree at the American Bar Association conference in New Orleans last month, protesters assembled outside, waved anti-lawyer placards and chanted: "Stop the Lawyers!"

The scene was a symptom of the litigation malaise sweeping the United States. Recourse to the writ has run riot: the latest high-profile case was the woman who successfully sued McDonald's when she burnt herself on their "too-hot" coffee. But as growing numbers of people fear court action, so concern mounts over the costs of going to law. One protester said: "Nobody in this country can afford justice except the millionaire".

In Britain, litigation fever has not yet reached the same pitch. But there is the same fear and concern about the cost of justice: the civil courts — county courts and High Court, where disputes from divorce to debt, property to personal injuries are heard — have priced themselves out of the market. Only the rich, or those on legal aid, can afford to use them.

John Buckingham, a golfer, ended up with a bill of about £250,000 after losing his recent defamation action against two members of his golf club. David Wraith, a businessman, faced costs of £500,000 after being awarded only £69 in his slander action against his former wife.

High costs are not confined to defamation. The singer George Michael faced a bill of about £2.7 million in his action over recording contracts against Sony. Nor are they the preserve of the rich or famous. In everyday legal actions brought by the public, costs can be prohibitive. Divorce can prove so costly if it ends in court that it swallows most of a couple's assets. Judge Angel, of the principal divorce registry, urged reform after a couple in 1991 began with "something short of £400,000" and ended up spending £104,000 in legal wrangling.

Jonathan Hirst, QC, chairman of the Bar's law reform committee, says: "The bulk of costs are eaten up before trial, before briefs are delivered. Discovery of documents, for example, is a major expense." Even the simplest accident claim, including a day in court, he adds, will cost a total of £10,000 for both sides.

The problem is not just lawyers' fees. It is the "black hole" nature of litigation, which sucks in costs, giving no hint as to when the end will be or at what price. Lawyers admit they cannot estimate a final bill. Eminent committees over the years have tried and failed to crack the problems of cost, and its ally, delay, in the civil courts. The latest is Lord Woolf, the law lord, one of the most innovative of the senior judiciary, who was asked in March by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, to look again at how to cut costs.

In a short time, Lord Woolf has aroused debate. He has had several radical ideas: wider powers for judges to control the pace and focus of cases (rather than lawyers); timetables and costs ceilings to be set at the outset, with a cap on recoverable costs; a single-door entry system for all civil disputes, after which a case would be allotted to one of various "streams" at different court levels; court-appointed experts instead of each side paying their own; a new breed of "procedural judge" to control pre-trial proceedings and encourage settlements.

The judges and profession alike are in sympathy with his aims. But already they are raising concerns over the substance of the proposals. Bar leaders have said that if judges are too interventionist, for instance, it could deprive someone of full and fair representation. "In the hands of the good judges, it would be no problem," Mr Hirst says, "because they are sensitive to the need to give both parties a fair say."

A second general concern, he says, is the aim to achieve more at the pre-trial stage, so that — for instance — witness statements would be served with the pleadings, instead of later. In theory, a good idea, he says. "But the reality is that most cases settle, and the effect would be to load the costs earlier, and incur costs which often turn out to be unnecessary."

The notion of court-appointed experts also raises hackles. Michael Napier, senior partner of Irwin Mitchell and a leading personal injuries lawyer, says that in simple cases these might be beneficial. "But it would be extremely dangerous if they were used in all personal injuries cases. You could have the court-appointed expert usurping the judicial function of balancing two opposing points of view, which is the whole basis of the adversarial system."

He also is anxious lest Lord Woolf throws the good in the system out with the bad. "In personal injuries cases, the system largely works. The criticisms of delay and cost relate to only a tiny percentage of cases which go to trial."

More than 94 per cent (of personal injuries claims) were successful; they brought in large sums to the Exchequer in court fees and in the benefits clawed back from successful claimants and were cost-effective, he said. "So for these litigants, it is important that the drive to reduce costs does not so strip away the adversarial process that it gets out of balance and their access to justice is reduced."

Apart from these worries, there is also sheer scepticism that Lord Woolf can succeed where so many have failed. The solicitor Rowland Williams wrote in the *Law Society Gazette* that Lord Woolf faced a "mission impossible" and that the issue of costs was intractable. These must be cut by a massive 75 per cent for people to afford the courts, he says, and nothing so far suggested "is remotely within striking distance of producing results of this order".

Undeterred, Lord Woolf is determined his ideas will not go the way of his predecessors'. On September 27 he will outline his views at the first of a series of conferences. "Civil Justice on Trial", at the Inner Temple, is being sponsored by Bar associations and law firms. The organiser, Derek Wheatley, QC, says the price of the adversarial system may be too high a one to pay, despite its strengths. "Litigation seems to be a game where any tactics can be employed that the litigator thinks he can get away with."

The verdict is in your hands

If you were asked to sentence a man who had beaten his wife and admitted to causing her actual bodily harm, how would you go about it? In an effort to broaden public understanding about the work of lay justices, the Magistrates' Association recently broke new ground by inviting a group of journalists to join them in tackling sentencing exercises.

There were two "benches" — one of journalists and one of magistrates who had to agree about what the man had done, its seriousness and what should be done with him. Guided by Rosemary Thomson, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, who demonstrated how magistrates go about sentencing, the "benches" had to deal with the charge and go through a process of structured decision-making.

As the defendant had pleaded guilty, it was first a question of deciding whether the crime was more or less serious. We had to take into account the degree of injury, whether it was unprovoked, premeditated, or prolonged.

If we thought the seriousness of the offence was above average for an assault such as this then we must consider a prison sentence. If we considered it average then we might opt for a community sentence. Having read the pre-sentence report we would then look at any mitigating factors such as a guilty plea, co-operation with the police, voluntary compensation and remorse for the offence.

One columnist refused to join in on the basis that trying to show how sentences were reached was ridiculous. He was particularly angry about the fact that pre-sentence reports are confidential to the court.

So what did the "benches" decide? Rather than tell you I am going to give you the bare bones of the case — incidentally a real, although not a recent, one. Then it will be up to you to decide and the Magistrates' Association may discover whether the general public is really anxious for retribution.

Mr X, aged 25, admits to hitting his wife because he says he lost his temper after a row. She ended up with a broken nose, 17 stitches around her mouth, extensive bruising to her face and had to stay in hospital overnight with suspected concussion. The argument arose over money problems and the fact that he had forgotten to meet his wife earlier in the evening to help with the shopping. After the assault, Mrs X left the house to seek help and when the police arrived they found Mr X trying to comfort the children who had been very distressed.

The pre-sentence report shows that the husband bitterly regrets his actions, saying that at the time he just lost control and lashed out; only later did he appreciate the seriousness of what he had done.



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The report then goes into the background of the family and describes the pressures on the marriage over the past year and Mr X's difficulties in coping with them. He and his wife have been married for four years and have two children, aged six months and two years.

They live in a one-bedroom flat and are consequently very crowded. Coping with two small children in these circumstances has put considerable strain on both the parents, particularly as the elder child is hyperactive, sleeps little and needs constant watching.

Until 18 months ago Mr X was always in work. He held a series of seasonal labouring jobs and although they were temporary, he says he could always guarantee work. Early last year, however, when one job came to an end, he was unable to find any work and, despite repeated efforts (confirmed by his wife) he remained out of work for over a year. During this time the family finances, already stretched since the birth of the first child, deteriorated steadily until they now have debts of nearly £2,500 owing to a finance company, the bank and the gas and electricity boards.

Fortunately, he has now found employment on a contract scheduled to last two to three years. And his wife, who originally sought an injunction to prevent him returning to the family home, is now willing for him to return in the hopes that they can rebuild their marriage.

The magistrates have been told of Mr X's previous convictions. There are three in all: one for threatening behaviour when he was 19, one for being drunk and disorderly when he was 20 and one for theft from a shop when he was 23.

The magistrates note that the present offence is of a different kind and much more serious. The seriousness of this offence means that they have a choice of prison with a maximum sentence of six months or, if they find sufficient mitigating factors, a community sentence — probation, community service or an order combining both.

The report recommends a period of supervision with a focus on coping with anger. It also adds that, were Mr X to be made subject to a probation order incorporating an anger management course, this would ensure regular contact — weekly at first — with a probation officer. And, if the couple wanted it, they could attend counselling to assist their marriage. Which option would you take?

● *The author is a magistrate.*

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MACFARLANES, the City solicitors, are warning clients with large shops that open on Sundays that they could still be fined up to £50,000 if they do not give notice of opening to local authorities under the new Sunday Trading Act.

Roy Edey, who once worked for Macfarlanes, says that the shops are "breaking the Fourth Commandment". His private prosecutions under the old Shops Act are still being heard.

Last Thursday, Kennedy's, a chain of garden centres, was fined £75 and ordered to pay costs of £125 to Mr Edey. But Mr Edey was ordered to pay costs of nearly £2,000 to Sainsbury and Safeway in Folkestone when his case against them was thrown out on a technicality.

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OUTS

Yanks over here

AMERICAN-style justice comes to London next week. The Supreme Court judge Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and a team of nine judges and lawyers are visiting to study British justice. They will meet nine British lawyers and judges led by Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, (and including Lord Hope, Lord President of the Court of Session) for a tour of courts and debate on how judges are appointed and trained.

New in Delhi

CITY of London solicitors Ashurst Morris Crisp is to be the first British law firm in Delhi. Andrew Soundy, senior partner, says: "We understand we will get the licence later this week. It is nice to be first. We believe we have stolen a bit of a march." The office will be staffed by partner Geoffrey Picton-Turberville.

Holding court

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Working holiday

THE typical lawyer works at weekends, aspires to owning a Mercedes and goes abroad two to five times a year, according a *Lawyer* survey. Like most other people, lawyers off duty favour listening to CDs, reading or watching TV.

Full Marx

THREE Albanian law students start this week at the College of Law, Guildford, the first students from a former communist country to go on the conversion course (common professional examination) usually taken by non-law graduates. Their fees are being paid by the Open Society, an organisation funded by the Hungarian financier George Soros. Meanwhile, the Law Society bus left last week with free books for Romania.

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Keith Hall is all smiles as he leaves Leeds Crown Court after being found not guilty of murdering his wife. His taped confession was ruled inadmissible by the judge

Should we lose our innocence?

Antony Whitaker *discusses the merits of a leading judge's call for a verdict of not proven to be introduced in English law*

Does "not guilty" mean innocent? A debate on the issue has been fuelled by Lord Donaldson, former Master of the Rolls, who says that the verdict of "not guilty" should be abolished.

His remarks highlight how imprecise this verdict is; and how it cannot distinguish between the blameless, the possibly guilty, and the probably guilty, while the law, paradoxically, insists that it must be deemed "conclusive" of innocence in each category. In the hands of judges and legislators, that word "conclusive" has too often separated the law and common sense; and nowhere more so than here.

In a newspaper article Lord Donaldson wrote that the reality was that a verdict of "not guilty may mean that the jury considered that the accused was innocent, but is much more likely to mean that they were not sure".

Instead, he suggests English law adopts the Scottish halfway house of a "not proven" verdict — sometimes described as "not guilty, but don't do it again". He argued: "The only real issue for the jury is whether they are sure the accused is guilty. Whether he is innocent or not is irrelevant for their purpose and it is a pity this is not generally understood."

But the Scottish "not proven" verdict has its shortcomings in that defendants feel the cloud of guilt remains over their heads; the Scots recently considered its abolition but decided to retain it. The criminal context is also only part of the picture. The confusion on verdicts spills over into the civil law, which, while it goes a little way towards recognising reality, contains inherent inconsistencies hard to reconcile with the criminal framework.

Those with longer memories will recall the successful libel action by Alfie Hinds against Detective Chief Superintendent Sparks in 1964. He challenged Mr Sparks, the officer in charge of the case, to prove the assertion in his memoirs that he, Hinds, had been "rightly" convicted for his part in a £38,000 robbery from a London furniture store.

As the law then stood, Mr Sparks would have been perfectly safe had he said merely that Hinds "was convicted"; it was the word "rightly" that enabled Hinds to have the issue of his guilt re-examined in a civil court. Eleven years into an adventurous 12-year sentence — he escaped three times, once by locking his guards into a court lavatory — Hinds collected £1,300 in libel damages and was freed.

Hinds's loophole was closed by section 13 of the Civil Evidence Act 1968, which made a conviction "conclusive" evidence in slander or libel actions that the individual actually committed the offence. As an attempt to align the civil and criminal systems, this was a blunt instrument ill-suited to its task.

Its overkill impact lies in the fact that it makes convictions unchallengeable by anyone, instead of — as it should have done — simply by a convicted libel plaintiff.

This means that there is a serious disadvantage for anyone trying to substantiate allegations of "framing" by the police because, as the libel plaintiffs, the police can rely on their quarry's conviction as evidence that he did it and they therefore had no need to frame.

Logically, the provision is too narrow in that it does not cover a claim for malicious falsehood, recently held to be a sufficiently discrete form of action, so that it manages — unlike other defamation actions — to qualify for legal aid. Maybe another Hinds will one day exploit this remaining loophole.

The other side of the criminal coin — that a jury acquittal, or the quashing of a conviction on appeal, is "conclusive of innocence" — is frequently at odds not merely with the civil law position, but also with the libel protection a newspaper may be able to derive from a confession held inadmissible in a criminal court.

The recent acquittal of Keith Hall at Leeds Crown Court provides a vivid illustration. Accused of murdering his missing wife, the Crown relied on his recorded admission to an undercover policewoman, posing as a lonely heart girlfriend, that he had strangled her. He was acquitted after the judge's ruling that this taped confession could not be heard by the jury, because he had not been cautioned as a suspect in accordance with police rules before being interviewed. No such obstacle would impede the production of that confession to a libel jury, however, to prove what he said he did.

An acquittal "conclusive of innocence"? Yes indeed, according to the rules of the criminal law, and Hall maintains his innocence. But according to civil rules, far less so, particularly when one considers the wide publication, at the end of his trial, of what he told the policewoman.

● *The author is legal manager of Times Newspapers Ltd.*

● *Letters, page 21*

Peace gives Ulster firms a chance

Northern Ireland's lawyers are preparing for an increased number of transactions

Blessed are the peacemakers and so too, perhaps, are the lawyers who nurture the seeds of peace.

After last week's IRA ceasefire announcement there was modest optimism among leading commercial lawyers in Belfast that a new era in economic development for the province was on hand. In contrast to other UK regional centres Belfast lawyers have seen little growth in recent years but with an end to violence now on offer there is a strong feeling that top law firms should be gearing up for a greater number of transactions.

"There's plenty of goodwill towards Northern Ireland worldwide but especially in America and the Far East," says Harry Coll, a partner in Elliott Duffy Garrett, who is involved in a number of regeneration initiatives. "All we need is an end to violence for inward investment to flow."

About eight law firms in Belfast are regularly involved in commercial work. Three of these — Elliott Duffy Garrett, Carson McDowell and Mills Sellig — have now formed a consortium to take on larger transactions. So far business has been muted but if last week is a genuine turning point, the consortium is confident that it can rise to the occasion.

"In the past much of the larger work has tended to go to the London firms," says Mr Coll, "but in the future we will be keen to take on these transactions."

John Cronin, a London partner of McCann FitzGerald, the Dublin firm, confirmed that Belfast lawyers have not fared as well as their counterparts in the Republic. But, Mr Cronin says, if a "truly peaceful and mutually trustworthy environment" can be created, he expects to see expansion in the volume of Belfast's legal work coming from Dublin, especially in the banking and financial sectors.

"It is known that financial institutions based in the south would welcome the opportunity to extend into the north," he adds. "It is likely that lawyers in Belfast will have an important role to play in establishing joint ventures and other trading operations."

If proof were needed that peace can come even after years of violence, then developments in Beirut — a city with which Belfast was often jokingly "twinned" — offer considerable encouragement. Later this week Beirut is playing host to a conference organised by the British Middle East Law Council which will focus attention on the legal changes necessary to restore Lebanon, after 17 years of civil war, to its previous role as financial centre for the region.

Under the title, The Lebanon — Legal Update for Redevelopment and Recovery, the conference, which is being supported by the Law Society, is bringing together leading solicitors from London to update Lebanese lawyers and government officials on the latest developments in insurance, construction, shipping and banking.

Although the Lebanese legal system continued to function remarkably effectively throughout the war, there were no developments in its commercial code. As a result, its banking and capital markets regime is now urgently in need of an overhaul. Despite the traditional influence of France on their legal system, the Lebanese are now looking to America and Britain for inspiration. The United States government's continuing ban on its citizens visiting Lebanon, however, means that London lawyers have a virtual monopoly in fostering developments. This week's conference is rich in the expertise of firms such as Freshfields, Clifford Chance, Allen & Overy and Richards Butler.

Ibrahim Kanaan, British Middle East Law Council secretary-general and a Lebanese lawyer who works in London and Beirut, says: "It is very important for Lebanon that the leading London firms be prepared to invest their time in participating in this conference. It is a significant act of faith in the future of the country."

After the conference, proposals will be made to the government on changes in the legal framework to bring it into line with up-to-date Anglo-Saxon practice.

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VAT on school playing field

Commissioners of Customs and Excise v Robert Gordon's College

Before the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross), Lord Penrose and Lord McCluskey

[Judgment June 2]

Where a developer, who was not a fully taxable person for value-added tax purposes, made use of a development constructed by him, then paragraph 5(i)(a) of Schedule 6A to the Value Added Tax Act 1983, added by the Finance Act 1989, applied, notwithstanding that the developer had leased the development to a tenant in return for licence permitting such use, and accordingly the self-supply charge to VAT on new buildings and civil engineering works under paragraph 6 was triggered.

The Second Division of the Court of Session so held, allowing an appeal by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise against a decision of a VAT tribunal to allow an appeal by Robert Gordon's College against a decision of the commissioners that paragraph 6 of Schedule 6A did not apply to the costs of the construction by the college of certain playing fields.

Mr James Campbell for the commissioners; Mr Colin Tyre for the college.

THE LORD JUSTICE-CLERK said that the college was an independent fee-paying school providing educational services which were exempt supplies for VAT purposes.

In 1990 it had decided to devote an area of its ground to the development of new playing fields. It had then granted a lease to a wholly owned subsidiary company for onerous consideration.

In return, the company granted it a licence to use the playing fields, although it would not necessarily enjoy exclusive use. The college paid a market rent for the licence and began using the development in 1991.

Both the college and the company were registered for VAT and both had elected to waive exemption from tax in terms of paragraph 2 of Schedule 6A.

The college had included in its returns the input tax charged by the contractors who constructed the fields. The commissioners had decided that the college had constructed a new non-domestic building which it had occupied within ten years of its completion, and that therefore the self-supply charges were triggered. It was therefore required to account for tax on the full costs of construction. The college had appealed to the tribunal.

It was not disputed that the grant of the lease was a taxable supply made in the course of furtherance of a business carried on by the college under section 2(1) of the Act. The tribunal had held that paragraph 6 of Schedule 6A did not apply and that the self-supply charge was not activated.

The commissioners now appealed to the court. The appeal raised a short point of statutory interpretation in relation to paragraph 5 of Schedule 6A. It was agreed that the college was a "developer", and that the playing fields were "a building or work" in terms of paragraph 5(1). What was in dispute was whether the college was a "fully taxable person" as defined by paragraph 5(4).

The college contended before the tribunal that it was a "fully taxable person" under paragraph 5(4)(b). Counsel for the commissioners contended that it was plain that when the college had begun using the facilities, it was not a fully taxable person for VAT purposes.

There had been no previous case raising that question and there were a number of other cases where a similar question had been raised.

His Lordship preferred the commissioners' construction of paragraph 5. The college had ordered and financed the construction of the playing field. It had done so with a view to using it for its own purposes, namely as part of the educational provision at the college.

It was plain that it was the developer within the meaning of paragraph 5(5) of Schedule 6A. It also appeared plain that it was such a developer when it began to use the playing fields. The college was not then a fully taxable person because it was using the facilities for the purposes of education.

Accordingly, the situation was covered by paragraph 5(1) with the consequence that paragraph 6(1) applied when the college began to use the facilities.

The college's argument was that when it made use of the playing fields that was not in the capacity as developer but as licensee under the licence agreement. His Lordship was not persuaded that that was a sound argument.

There was nothing in paragraphs 5 and 6 to suggest that the self-supply provisions should not come into operation if the developer had granted a taxable lease.

His Lordship was not persuaded that merely by granting a lease in favour of the company, the college could cease to be the developer. If its argument was well founded the college would cease to be the developer for the purposes of paragraph 5 by granting a short term lease in favour of a third party.

There was nothing in paragraphs 5 or 6 to suggest that that would be the result of granting a short term taxable lease. Paragraph 5(1)(a) dealt with the granting of a lease which was an exempt supply, but there was nothing in paragraph 5 to support the view that by granting a lease which was a taxable supply the developer ceased to be the developer.

Moreover, in the present case, where the company was a wholly owned subsidiary of the college, there was no reason why it should be held to have lost its capacity as developer once a lease was granted to its subsidiary.

The college also argued that such a construction of paragraph 5 was inconsistent with article 5(7)(a) the Sixth EEC Council Directive 77/388, but his Lordship was not satisfied that there was an inconsistency.

Law agents: Shepherd & Wedderburn, WS; Paull & Williamsons.

Her Majesty's advocate is Lord Advocate

Lord Advocate v Black

Before Mr T. G. Coutts, QC

[Judgment June 15]

The provision in section 1 of the Crown Suits (Scotland) Act 1857, for bringing such actions "in the name of . . . her Majesty's advocate for the time being . . .", did not mean that it was incompetent to follow the practice of many decades by designing her Majesty's advocate in the instance of a summons as simply "the Lord Advocate".

Mr T. G. Coutts, QC, sitting as a temporary judge in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, repelling a plea by George Black to the competency of an action brought against him by "the Lord Advocate . . . representing her Majesty's Commissioners for Customs and Excise".

Section 1 of the 1857 Act provides: "Every action, suit or proceeding to be instituted in Scotland on behalf of or against her Majesty, or in the interest of the Crown, or on the behalf of or against any public department, may be lawfully raised in the name and at the instance of her Majesty's advocate for the time being as acting under this Act."

Mr James Campbell for the Lord Advocate; Mr Robert McCreadie for the defender.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the incompetency which was pleaded by the defender was "that the office of Lord Advocate has no legal persona". Mr McCreadie argued that the office of Lord Advocate could not sue and it was necessary to name him as pursuer before an action could competently be raised. The defect could not be cured by amendment (*Drummond Brown Builders Ltd v Glendinning* (1993 SLT (Sh Ct) 47).

Counsel's argument that no named party was suing was founded on section 1 of the 1857 Act. He argued that the phrase "in name of" and the provision in section 5, that the instance was not to be affected by any change in the person holding the office of Advocate, meant that any action required to name the Advocate and if it did not do so there was no competent legal persona prosecuting the action (*McLaren v Procurator Fiscal for Lothian & Borders* (1982 SLT 844)). There being no named person in the instance there was no party competently bringing an action before the court.

In reply, Mr Campbell pointed to decades of practice in relation to actions raised on behalf of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue and the Commissioners of Customs and Excise in the courts of Scotland in which it had been customary to proceed as in the present action both in the Court of Session and in the sheriff court.

It was difficult to comprehend how, given that it was *pars judicis* to take an objection to the competency, actions had been proceeding for many years in the form of the present one.

His Lordship expected that the shorthand of specifying the department and that the Lord Advocate acted for that department had been regarded as sufficient and his Lordship saw no reason why it should not be so.

In one sense the true pursuers were the Commissioners of Customs and Excise. They brought the action at the instance of the Lord Advocate and his Lordship saw no reason why they should not do so.

Where, as here, there was statutory sanction for the department to be represented there was no necessity to name the occupant of the office of Advocate, even although that might have been done in many cases in the past and might well require to be done if the Advocate was suing any capacity other than one representing a department covered by the 1857 Act.

Law agents: Shepherd & Wedderburn, WS; Brodies, WS, for Thomas Carlin & Pender, Glasgow.

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Unhappy case of nostalgia

Richard Cork on a new London show of work by Stan Douglas, a young Canadian with a growing international reputation



DENZIL McNEELANCE

In *Evening* Stan Douglas cleverly simulates the broadcasting style at the end of the 1960s, cunningly re-creating a time when "Happy Talk News" was the fashion

Enter the main gallery in Stan Douglas's ICA show, and you find yourself transported back to the early days of cinema. Not in terms of decor — the space is devoid of period detail, and the piano underneath the big screen looks resolutely modern. But Douglas's black-and-white film is based on the conventions of silent movies, complete with melodramatic plot, dialogue captions, stilted acting and a rip-roaring title: *Pursuit, Fear, Catastrophe*.

A young Canadian artist with a growing international reputation, Douglas came across the film's eerie subject quite by chance. On a boating trip with friends, he discovered a derelict 1930s power station by the Fraser River in British Columbia. It reminded him of "a vampire's chateau", and his film sometimes strives for a Dracula-like spookiness. But he was also intrigued by the name of the land it inhabited: Ruskin BC, a tribute to the Victorian art critic by the socialist commune founded there in the 1890s. The fact that the venture soon went bankrupt only reinforced Douglas's curiosity. He is as fascinated by "failed utopias" as he is by "obsolete technologies". So the redundant hydro-electric plant became an ideal backdrop for his film, and the story centres on a member of the large Japanese-Canadian community who settled in Ruskin until internment brutally robbed them of their land and property in 1942.

The film's starting point is an unexplained disappearance, unearthed by Douglas in the British Columbia police archives. He makes no attempt to solve the mystery, though. Half the characters' dialogue remains teasingly unrecorded by the captions, and we are often reduced to bafflement. Even so, the air of suspense carries us forward. Hiro, who works in the power station's control room, has gone missing. The local policeman finds his hat floating in the river, and he is suspected of stabbing a man interviewed in hospital.

At this point, the programmed piano begins to play Schoenberg's *Accompaniment to a Cinematographic Scene*. The increasingly frantic expressionism of the music lends itself well to the plot's air of paranoia. All the same, Douglas does not try to pretend that music and film match. While Schoenberg's atonal score grows more and more agitated, the movie remains stubbornly deadpan. Its refusal to indulge in mayhem becomes tantalising, and the film breaks off with arbitrary suddenness. We never find out what happened to Hiro, but Douglas does suggest that he may be the victim of a racist attempt to discredit him.

> "Douglas is fascinated by the anonymity and frustration of urban life"

When the lights go up, we are left with framed colour photographs of the Ruskin area today, displayed on the gallery's walls. The scene looks mournful and decrepit, a landscape stripped of its natural magnificence by industrial despoilation. But Douglas never hammers home his interest in such issues. He prefers an enigmatic approach, nowhere more tersely than in the series of *Television Spots* and *Monodramas made for Canadian TV*.

Seen on monitors at the ICA, they appear brusque enough. When broadcast, they must have been baffling. Brief and inconclusive, each video offers a fragment seemingly culled from everyday life. But the truth is that Douglas devised them all, carefully simulating a documentary look. Three young men sit on a city bench, staring at an unidentified arm stretched out on a nearby lawn. "Get up," says one, "come on — get up". But nothing happens, apart from the random twitching of the hand.

Douglas is fascinated by the anonymity, uneventfulness and frustration of urban life. A firework fails to shoot into the sky, petering out on an empty road in the middle of a deserted town. Elsewhere, a man hails a passer-by, calling him Gary; but the latter replies blankly: "I'm not Gary".

After a while, the emphasis on alienation becomes oddly mesmeric. One work called *Lit Lot*, concentrating on a car park attendant marooned in his bright, lonely booth at night, reminded me of Edward Hopper's brooding nocturnes. But the preoccupation with isolation and emptiness has a peculiarly Canadian flavour as well. Many of these *Spots* are bleak, and as aimless as the man in a grey suit who stands on a pavement next to a graffiti-spattered wall. He looks nervous and expectant, but once again nothing happens. The atmosphere is close to Beckett, a writer Douglas clearly admires. And in one confessional *Spot*, a bewildered man wrily tells the camera that "everything seems to catch my attention. Even though I'm not particularly interested in anything".

Those words seem applicable to *Evening*, an elaborate installation upstairs where three large screens fill one wall of an otherwise empty room. On each screen, a Chicago newscaster is shown reading a bulletin. But there is no furniture in the room, and Douglas does not encourage us to imagine that we are comfortably watching the news at home. Rather does he promote a more analytical, questioning mood.

Although shot in Chicago earlier this year, *Evening* cleverly simulates the broadcasting style fashionable at the end of the 1960s. We notice how cunningly Douglas re-creates the period. After a while, a tension develops between the sober, paternal delivery of the old presenter, and the bouncier approach introduced by his younger colleagues. Nicknamed "Happy Talk News", it swept away dryness and favoured an up-beat, jocular style laced with plenty of "human interest" items.

As a result, even stories dealing with Vietnam or the Civil Rights movement become trivialised. They are drained of their seriousness, and softened by the smiling suavity of anchormen who appear wholly detached from the meaning of the sentences they mouth. Douglas exacerbates the malaise by ensuring that all three presenters talk in unison. Silenced only by the insertion of cards bearing the words "Place Ad Here", their voices merge into a newsspeak drone. After a while, it becomes relentless. And we realise that *Evening*, although set in the past, deals with a problem which has grown even more acute today.

Perhaps Douglas feels nostalgic for the 1960s. Born at the beginning of that turbulent decade, he was too young to have experienced the full force of its exhilarating idealism and destructive absurdity. So he brings it back to life now, devoting another installation to a plausible re-creation of the style of a mid-1960s TV production.

Projected on both sides of a screen hanging in the middle of the room, *Hors-Champs* presents a performance of "free jazz" by four American musicians with experience of playing in France. Douglas has researched his subject with typical diligence and knows that "free jazz" had a special resonance for the May 1968 generation. The music played here is based on Albert Ayler's *Spirits Rejoice*, which interweaves the *Marseillaise* and the *Star-Spangled Banner* with gospel melody and a heraldic fanfare. After building to a frenetic, improvisatory climax, the band lapses into quiet, melancholy playing.

By evoking the historical period with such conviction, though, Douglas ends up stressing an overall sense of loss. However exuberant the music may be at times, with its black nationalist associations, the large hopes it once aroused have long since faded. Hence the pessimism in Douglas's fractured presentation of present-day life in his *Television Spots*. Nothing adds up, and the only key to even a partial understanding lies in a skilful resurrection of the past.

● *Stan Douglas at the ICA (071-930 0493) until October 2*

ARTS BRIEFING

Tolstoy on stage

YOU have read the book, seen the film, watched the TV series — now go to the British stage premiere of Tolstoy's *War and Peace*. Or rather, of Mikhail Bulgakov's adaptation, called *War and Peace — Chapters From a Novel*. Written in 1932, Bulgakov's version concentrates on the second half of the epic novel, and in particular the advance and retreat of Napoleon's army in 1812. Its 115 characters will be played by all 27 third-year drama students at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, when the school stages the work at its theatre in the Barbican from October 25 to November 2. A new translation has been commissioned from Natalya Issaeva, and a new background orchestral score will be composed by Alexander Levine, a Guildhall postgraduate composition student from Russia.

● KENNETH BRANAGH's new film, *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein*, will receive its first public screening as the opening night gala of the London Film Festival on November 3. It will be released in Britain the following day. Besides directing, Branagh also plays Victor Frankenstein in the film, which seeks to recapture the spirit of Shelley's original novel. Robert De Niro plays the monster, and the starry cast also includes Helena Bonham Carter, Tom Hulce, Ian Holm, Richard Briers, John Cleese and Robert Hardy.

POP: Mordant humour and eclectic finesse in equal measure

Husband's big night

Lyle Lovett
Festival Hall

Paparazzi at the stage door may not be the usual state of affairs down at the South Bank. But Lyle Lovett's audience took the hum of excitement that accompanies the Texan singer-songwriter's movie-star wife in their stride. Lovett's dangling gait may attract stock descriptions — gangly, geeky, gawky — but he shows no sign of being eclipsed in the shadow of Julia Roberts.

Ever since Lovett was first catapulted to international attention with his eponymously titled debut album in 1986, his style has defied neat description. Like his previous work, Lovett's fifth and latest album, *I Love Everybody*, embraces Nashville country, honky-tonk and gospel, and was delivered with his characteristic charm and mordant humour. The old comparisons with David Byrne will be evoked, although the figure of Tom Waits would be more accurate.

To reaffirm his claim to eclecticism, Lovett had assembled a fine 16-piece band for his first (of two) London dates in as many years. Cellist John Hagen, double bassist John Leftwich and guitarist/violinist Champ Hood formed the nucleus around which were variously grouped two percussionists, a brass section, the Electra String Quartet and four backing vocalists led by Sweet Pea Atkinson and Harry Bowens of Was Not Was. Lovett's two and a half hour set was as richly varied as such a band suggests. By the time the gospel swing of "Church" started, an enraptured audience was all but swinging from the rafters.

Lovett himself has a deep, haunting voice that carries a dignified emotional resonance. "She's Already Made Up Her Mind", his opening number taken from the *Joshua Judges Ruth* album, had a graceful, timeless poignancy — it is about drowning in despair — that has nothing in common with the tremulous sobbing that often infects country music. "Record Lady" and the new album's title track quickly shifted Lovett into a racier pace.

If Lovett's recent marriage has brought him a different kind of media attention, he has learnt to deal with it deftly. "She's No Lady (She's My Wife)" and "She Makes Me Feel Good" were dedicated to Roberts, who declined any opportunity to recapitulate her vocals on "Everybody". In the event, her presence was forgotten in the face of Lovett's ability to turn a song with a single phrase or sideways glance.

LOUISE GRAY



Lyle Lovett: a haunting voice that carries a dignified resonance, and a style that defies neat description

AROUND THE GALLERIES



"Thinking aloud, drawing with shape": untitled work by Brigitte Jurack from the show "Wait (by the pool)" at at the Café Gallery in Southwark Park, south London

SOFT lumpen shapes fill up the floor space at the consistently enterprising gallery in the middle of Southwark Park. Brackets on the walls hold up drooping forms like drunks draped over a rope. Entitled "Wait (by the pool)", the installation of sculpture by Brigitte Jurack allows shapes like elongated kettle elements and swimming paraphernalia to retain their individual qualities within a shared context.

Forms which suggest the soft, enticing and unmanageable outline of a rubber buoy, or an elongated version of a child's paddling pool, are perfunctorily sewn, cut-out of cotton-duck canvas and then stuffed. Jurack relies on the simple significance of the forms themselves, and does not embellish with detail or colour. The desire to match image with life, and vice versa, has no place here. Jurack is simply thinking aloud, drawing with shape.

Café Gallery, Southwark Park, Bermondsey, London SE16 (071-237 1230), from tomorrow to September 25

☐ The attitude to imagery shown by the five artists in an exhibition called "Stalker" shows how meaningless distinctions between figurative and abstract have become.

The only artist to employ direct narrative is Lee Maelzer whose main painting suggests some horrible historical event. Three young girls cry and crouch, peering over a balcony to a devastated and ransacked room below. James Brook stretches mesh over paintings in order to achieve the distanced, hands-off quality of more mechanically produced images. Sadie Murdoch's interiors are like a printed surface of contrasts, tones and sprayed patches of light against dark.

The Gallery at John Jones, 4 Morris Place, Finsbury Park, London N4 (071-281 2380) until October 8

☐ John Hinde was responsible for the archetypal 1950s coloured postcard. In this exhibition his classic views take on a different personality when blown up to painting size and displayed alongside the original unretouched transparencies. The views are of London or Dublin by night, with a brooding purple, red and yellow sky reflected in the Thames or Liffey; children with baskets and a donkey in Ireland; calypso dancers in Jamaica; a view down to a Yorkshire bay with enticing turquoise water; the "Regency Bar" at Butlins, where ordinary dun-coloured skirts have been replaced with puce, and dull neck scarves turned bright pink. Colour was tipped in, telegraph wires and roof aerials eradicated with a level of accomplishment achieved now through computer manipulation. Such bright, light, images were part of a general optimism about leisure and peace, and are now themselves the stuff of memory.

National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2033) to October 8

☐ There is a strong dependence on thick glass in "Material World", an exhibition of work by three Austrian photographers. All is black and white. All is attractive. The entrance carries a series of inside and outside views of the world of corporate normality. At the back, in the work of Eva Schlegel, negatives found on a dump are printed onto solid material. The processes have been stopped and held still; negative looks positive; development is caught in mid-flow, so that the material becomes more tangible than the images themselves.

The Photographers' Gallery, 5 Great Newport Street, London WC2 (071-831 1772) to October 1

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Pop goes the prattle

Babbling DJs may infuriate, but can pop radio survive without them, asks

Peter Barnard



What's the difference between a pop record and the face of a Radio 1 disc jockey? A pop record is a circle of sounds with a silent hole in the middle, whereas a DJ's face is a circle of blandness with the sound emitted from a hole in the middle.

All right, pop pickers, so you've unrolled less contrived questions from a Christmas cracker. In mitigation I offer the fact that I have been listening to Simon Mayo's morning programme on Radio 1, part of which is a phone-in quiz. Sample question from last Friday: "Lennox Lewis, the heavyweight boxing champion: is he dead or alive?"

The trouble with casual listening to Radio 1 is that you get the impression it is just as bad as ever. But as Mayo's quiz rolls on the questions get harder, relatively speaking. The same applies to questions about popular music radio. Is it getting worse? Better? Or merely different?

None of the above. For one thing, the music itself insists on being sub-divided, broadly into rock and pop. Rock music claims to be for adults, and *tends to be dominated by men* with increasing quantities of money and diminishing quantities of hair. Phil Collins, Peter Gabriel, Elton John: these are rock artists, nay superstars, and they have been around forever.

Their concerts are sold out before the graffiti are dry on the posters, which tend to be minimalist. They announce concerts as if announcing the second coming, safe in the knowledge that true believers *will flock however spare the* commandment: GABRIEL. WEMBLEY. NOVEMBER 30.

On the other hand, pop music hardly ever gets old. When it does it is called Cliff Richard, but for most of the time pop is a bouncy little tune carried along with inane lyrics about love, under titles that sound like groups and by groups that could be titles: is Take That a band or a song?

The Beatles at their best were a pop band. At their worst, in their sub-Pink Floyd era, they tried to be rock musicians with a capital R. Indeed if the Beatles had survived they would surely be another Pink Floyd, "putting the world to rights" as John Peel once memorably said, "from their château in the South of France".

Radio stations mostly cope with these divisions by trying to bring *us* the best of both worlds. The problem is that radio stations now operate on a 24-hour clock; we can turn them off but they never turn themselves off. If this were the era of Cole Porter, George Gershwin and Jerome Kern, such great men would need to clone themselves 100 times over to fill the space.

Until recently, the radio *stations got round the problem* of having a huge cake but lousy ingredients by promoting the DJs, or music presenters as the BBC insists they are called. The argument was that no horse was a duffer provided Lester Piggott was aboard it. Therefore men like Dave Lee Travis and Simon Bates rode to fame and fortune on the back of ghastly music, absolute tosh. Sometimes they even said it was absolute tosh before playing and after playing it.

It was tosh but it didn't matter! It didn't matter because it was being played by Travis! The research showed up people who "always" listened to Travis but "never" listened to Bates. And vice versa. Lesser names, fringe members of pop radio's royal family, played the same music but got a fraction of the audience. The, er, music presenter was the show.

This comical situation reached *its height with the* resignation of Travis, on air. He gravely intoned a resignation speech from a station that played junk music and made it sound like the departure of Michael Heseltine during the Westland affair. He (that is Travis) did not like the way BBC policy was going, so *he* was going... elsewhere. He was off to spend more time *with his beard.*

During the same period television discovered that one of the few remaining "personalities" on Radio 1, Danny Baker, was zany enough to present television programmes. First there was a chat show, and lately there has been *Pets Win Prizes*, a programme idea so awful, so utterly ITV, that its closing moments ought to feature John Birt locked in a room with a rabid rottweiler.

> ‘Some stations even advertise the fact that their presenters don't say much’

Meanwhile at Radio 1 the ageing but hip John (call him Johnny) Beerling had been replaced as Controller by the younger Matthew Bannister. Younger? Born middle aged, some said. Bannister's ascent to the top of the stairs was followed by a whole new Radio 1. The words "radio" even disappeared from the publicity and now the station would be called 1FM. It would be more, well, adult.

The result is either a disaster or a triumph depending on how you look at it. Radio 1 has shed three million listeners in a year but the arrival of Virgin FM, now reaching 3.3 million listeners, helps to explain the exodus. Perhaps the exodus is only a temporary flirtation with the commercial sector?

That sector's biggest contribution, if that is what it is, to *modern pop radio is the* "Gold" stations, which to a large extent include Virgin and which close the loop of the argument between pop and rock radio. The Gold stations, such as Piccadilly Gold around Manchester, and Brunel Gold in the West Country, offer a service to the generation born around the time that Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly and Eddie Cochran were establishing early rock 'n' roll: call it 1959. But in *that* very year *The Blessed* Virgin Cliff reached No 1 for the first time with "Living Doll", the sort of record a child might skip to. Even pre-Radio 1, in the dear dead days of Radio Luxembourg, sweet pop and sour rock lived side by side on the airwaves, creating instant nostalgia.

Yet this kind of Gold may not glitter too long, though the evidence is *extremely mixed.* London's Capital Gold has just undergone a major revamp ahead of the licensing round later this month; Brunel's market share has risen slightly in the past year, as has Piccadilly's, but neither is attracting more listeners: Brunel is down by 43,000 and Piccadilly has remained static at 509,000.

What marks Radio 1 and all the commercial pop/rock stations is that presenter prattle is *on the wane. Capital Gold has* told its presenters, who include Tony Blackburn, to cut the cackle. Some stations even advertise the fact that their presenters don't say much. And although anything that diminishes the cult of personality is to be welcomed by the sane, less talk means more music.

That in turn means exposing the music to a proper quality test, minus the pit props of hard sells and daft jokes. There is no immutable law that says pop music radio must last forever. Without the support service of overweaning "personalities" we could be watching pop radio collapse under the weight of its own mediocrity.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

BBC HENRY WOOD PROMS The Dresden Staatskapelle is the first of two visiting foreign orchestras to round out the final week of the Proms season. Sir Colin Davis conducts the oldest orchestra in continuous existence — and one of the most aristocratic in style — *tonight and tomorrow, with programmes* that play to his strengths. Tonight features Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique, plus Weber and Dvořák.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm.

WAIDAIKO ICHIRO DRUMMERS: Don't miss a chance to see this company of ten men and women, trained in the ancient techniques of Japanese drumming and percussion. It builds layer upon layer of rhythms and is said to be a very entertaining performance. Sure to win as many converts as the Kodo Drummers.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tonight-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 4.30 and 8.30pm; Sun, 5pm and 8pm.

BLACK SAIL, WHITE SAIL: Kika Markham plays the Russian poet Anna Akhmatova in this play about survival by the eminent French writer, Hélène Cixous. A world premiere directed by Sue Parrish, as part of the Gate's "Trailblazing Women" season. National tour follows.
Gate, Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Previews tonight, 7.30pm, opens tomorrow.

THE THREE DEGREES Love them or leave them, the world's longest-running female trio arrive for almost three weeks of cabaret. Expect a very lively trip down memory lane.
Green Room, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W1 (071-437 9090). Tonight-Sept 24, with dancing until 3am.

ELSEWHERE

BAGNOR: Opening night for another study of Anna Anderson, victim or impostor, in **The Anastasia File**. Royce Ryton, author of several "royal" dramas, goes over the evidence. Wendy Toye directs.
Watermill, near Newbury (0635 46044). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm except gala Sats (Sept 17, Oct 8), 6.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM: The pinnacle of Viennese operetta, Johann Strauss's *Die Fledermaus*, is the opening production for the **D'Oyly Carte Opera Company**'s autumn tour. Martin Duncan, artistic director of the Nottingham Playhouse, directs.
Alexandra, Suffolk Street, Queensway (021-643 1231). Tonight and Sat, 7.30pm; until Sept 24.

GLASGOW: A diva among folk singers, **Judy Collins** gives an acoustic concert tonight as part of the city's international gala season. Tomorrow, Carl Davis and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra perform the score to accompany a classic film of the silent screen, **Ben-Hur**. And on Saturday, Dame Moura Lympany joins Michael Stern and the RSNO for works by Mozart and Beethoven.
Royal Concert Hall, Buchanan Street (041-227 5511). All performances, 7.30pm.

PRESTON: Violinist Tasmin Little joins Sir Charles Mackerras and the **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra** tonight for an all-Beethoven programme: overture, Leonora No 1, Violin Concerto and Symphony No 3, "Eroica".
Guildhall, Lancaster Road (0772 258858). Tonight, 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Jewellery of the Classical World; German Printmaking in the Age of Goethe, final week (071-636 1555)... **Courtauld**: French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings (071-873 2526)... **Design Museum**: Arne Jacobsen (071-403 6933)... **National Portrait Gallery**: Edwardian Women Photographers (071-306 0055)... **Royal Academy**: The Belgian Avant-Garde: 1880-1900 (071-439 7438)... **Tate**: Turner's Holland (071-887 8000)... **V & A**: Pugin: A Gothic Passion, final week, Kitaj Print Retrospective (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
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◩ **THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN**. Henry Arthur Jones's social comedy returns after its deserved success last spring. As before, Sarah-Jane Fenton and Malcolm Sinclair star. Auriol Smith directs.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond TW9 (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sept 1, 8, 15, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. Until Oct 1

☐ **THE CRYPTOGRAM** Lindsay Duncan and Eddie Izzard in Mamet's play about cryptic adult relationships: a slow start becomes tantalising but it is really a studio play.
Ambassadors, West Street, W1 (071-836 1171). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **DESIGN FOR LIVING** Opening night for Clive Owen, Paul Rhys and Rachel Weisz. Sean Mathias directs Coward's defence of the ménage à trois. See feature, page 41
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-369 1732). Tonight, 7pm.

☐ **THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE** Shaw's infrequently seen dramatic comedy set during the American War of Independence. With Richard Bonneville, Daniel Massey and Paul Jesson. Christopher Morahan directs.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.15pm; opens Thurs.

☐ **GISMODE OF SALERNE IN LOVE**: An extreme rarity, written by five "Gentlemen of the Inner Temple" and performed privately for Queen Elizabeth I in 1567. John Quentin plays the man whose obsessive love for his daughter (Julia Righton) causes problems for all.
BAC, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, Sun, 5.30pm. Until Sept 25.

☐ **THE MIRACLE WORKER**. Jenny Seagrove and Catherine Holman as teacher and blind, deaf pupil in a touching, unmawkish production of this decent play.

Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

◩ **THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD**: Aidan Gillen and Aisling O'Sullivan in Synge's comic masterpiece. Directed by Lynne Parker, whose ingenious production of Love and a Bottle for Rough Magic won an award in 1992.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until Oct 15

☐ **THE PROVOKED HUSBAND**. Marital disputes and country folk bemused by London: the familiar material of a Restoration comedy. Final week.
New End, New End, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 4pm.

☐ **ST JOAN**: Imogen Stubbs as the soldier-saint in a production full of mental passion, if you can overlook the scenic ado. Peter Jeffrey is superb as the Inquisitor.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

◩ **SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH**: Clare Higgins plays the ageing film star in Tennessee Williams's steamy drama about hopes fading and futures destroyed. Richard Eyre's unmissable production.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 2.15 and 7.30pm.

☐ **UNDER THEIR HATS**. A night of nostalgia for lovers of *Mud* and *The Gnu*. A cast of six recreates the songs of Flanders and Swann. Pleasingly done.
King's Head, 119 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tue-Sat, 8pm, Sat and Sun, 3.30pm. Until Sept 25.

☐ **THE WINSLOW BOY** Peter Barkworth, Simon Williams and Nyree Dawn Porter in Rattigan's ever-popular drama of a man's fight to prove his son's innocence when the Royal Naval College expels him for theft.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044)... ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317)... ☐ **The Canterbury Tales**: Garrick, final week (071-494 5040)... ◩ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072)... ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972)... ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ◩ **Dead Funny**: Vaudeville (071-836 9987)... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070)... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045)... ◩ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060)... ☐ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404)... ☐ **Lady Windermere's Fan**: Albery (071-867 1115)... ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909)... ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400)... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400)... ◩ **Rocky Horror Show**: Duke of York's, final week (071-836 5122)... ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888)... ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665)... ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055)... ☐ **Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

♦ **BLOWN AWAY** (15): Crazed Irish bomber (Tommy Lee Jones) baits bomb squad ace Jeff Bridges. Nasty, talent-wasting trash directed by Stephen Hopkins.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

BOSNA!: Powerful, partisan documentary about the Bosnian war from French philosopher Bernard-Henri Levy.
ICA (071-930 3647)

THE HUDSUCKER PROXY (PG). Hick becomes company boss. Ritzy comic pastiche from the Coen brothers, with Tim Robbins, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Paul Newman.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

THE SLINGSHOT (12): Muted account of an eccentric childhood in 1920s Stockholm. Directed by Ake Sandgren, with Jesper Salén.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

♦ **WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN** (15). Serious, well-focused drama about alcohol abuse, detoxification and after. With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia; director, Luis Mandoki.
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CURRENT

♦ **THE FLINTSTONES** (U). Hollow, noisy live-action treatment of the TV cartoon set in Stone Age suburbia, with John Goodman. Brian Levant directs.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE GETAWAY (18) Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger as thieves on the run. Strong, sexy remake of the 1972 thriller; director, Roger Donaldson.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18) Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all. Director, John Dahl.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233)

LOVE & HUMAN REMAINS (18) Mordant tales of love, sex and serial killings. Denys Arcand directs a fresh, excellent cast, led by Thomas Gibson and Ruth Marshall.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

♦ **THE MASK** (PG). Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons. Director, Charles Russell.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Ave** (071-836 6279) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332) **Warner** (437 4343)

♦ **MAVERICK** (PG). Mel Gibson as the TV Western conman. Disappointing summer fun, with Jodie Foster and James Garner. Director, Richard Donner.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

LE PARFUM D'YVONNE (18): Elegant but empty reverie from French sensualist Patrice Leconte, with Hippolyte Girardot, Jean-Pierre Marielle and Sandra Majani.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

SHORT CUTS (18). Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Bruce Davison, Tim Robbins, Matthew Modine and Lily Tomlin.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

♦ **SIRENS** (15) Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan.
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♦ **TRUE LIES** (15). Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Overblown fun with Jamie Lee Curtis.
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WE DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT (PG). An ageing bachelor and a charming dwarf join forces in María Luisa Bemberg's magical Argentine fable. With Marcello Mastroianni.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

♦ **WOLF** (15). Jack Nicholson's beast within finally comes out. Amusing, intelligent werewolf movie, with Michelle Pfeiffer. Director, Mike Nichols.
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Design for showing dark side

Andy Lavender on playwright, actor and director Sean Mathias, who tonight stages one of Noël Coward's most disturbing plays

JILLIAN EDELSTEIN



Sean Mathias: "I've approached the play naturalistically, as if I were approaching Chekhov"

At first sight Sean Mathias is a contrary character. He emerges from final rehearsals of Noël Coward's *Design for Living* sporting long blond hair like a 1970s rock star, the new suede trainers of a man in touch with street fashion, and glasses with thick black rims not dissimilar to those worn by Michael Caine in *The Ipcress File*. The outer man appears both stylish and unconventional, and the CV reinforces the impression. Mathias is one of that voguish set of British theatre directors who are more than merely "young", but decidedly not middle-aged. In a developing career in the national spotlight he has directed plays by Chekhov and Ibsen, Jean Cocteau and, now, Noël Coward — a fairly eclectic gathering. Further multifariousness is provided by Mathias himself: he was once an actor, has won awards as a playwright and wrote the acclaimed BBC film *The Lost Language of Cranes*.

"I like the high wire," he says, referring not to yet another career as a tightrope walker, but to a desire to take occasionally eye-opening risks. His journey to the upper reaches of the British theatre hierarchy has been touched with "Gasp! How did he do that?" moments. Having directed shows on the fringe, he took charge of a one-off benefit revival of Martin Sherman's *Bent* at the Adelphi Theatre in London, starring Ian McKellen and Michael Cashman. The production was so powerful that an extended life beckoned. "Several producers chased us," says Mathias. "We went with the National."

And why not? He next had the outrageously simple idea of staging a play in a small space, featuring those giants of the London stage, McKellen and Antony Sher. "I thought it would be nice not just to see them strutting their stuff, but to ask them to use their inner life," explains Mathias. The result was a hugely successful production of Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya* in the Cottesloe, the National's smallest theatre.

An invitation followed to direct Jean Cocteau's *Les Parents Terribles*, an almost unclassifiable play which — in Mathias's recent National production, at least — ranges across comedy, farce and poignant emotional melodrama. Mathias is now planning to oversee a Broadway version of the show. Meanwhile he has leapt across town and theatrical genres to stage Noël Coward's *Design for Living*, first produced in London in 1939, at the Donmar Warehouse.

"What attracted me to the play was the wonderful brittle and polished dialogue with the darker underbelly," says Mathias. "And specifically the darker underbelly." This latter involves free sexual expression. The play follows two men and a woman who discover that life is more pleasurable as a threesome than as any permutation of twosomes.



Noël Coward: controversial

It is easy to forget nowadays that with plays such as *The Vortex* and *Hay Fever*, Coward provoked controversy on account of his seemingly libertarian views and disregard of conventional mores. Mathias agrees that the social resonances of *Design for Living* might not be as pronounced in 1994. "It's not going to make a great political statement or open up a debate about modern sensibility," he says. "Except that even if we are more libertarian today there is still the moral majority to contend with."

Design for Living might jog received opinion in another sense too. Coward is generally seen as an arch exponent of high comedy, presenting duels across the teacups in the barbed comedy-of-manners tradition. A hoary set of performance conventions attaches to this view: Mathias's production promises to do away with them.

"I approach work by trying to get beneath the surface," Mathias explains. "I've approached the play from a much more naturalistic point of view, as if I were approaching Chekhov. When Coward directed *Hay Fever* at the Old Vic, when Olivier ran the company, he directed it like Chekhov, naturalistically — and it was hilariously funny because the best comedy does spring from that kind of work.

"So it's an odd thing, this received idea of the gloss. There are times when, for five minutes, *Design for Living* is playing just like traditional comedy, and then there is another five or ten-minute period when it seems very emotionally based. There's a level on which it takes method acting."

Mathias devoted the first two weeks of a five-week rehearsal period simply to reading and discussing the text with the whole company. But you might expect such careful handling of the writer's work from someone who is himself a playwright. And as Mathias has also been an actor, his collaborative working method — "Everybody's of equal status, everybody contributes" — comes as no surprise.

In which case, his career to date shows not the least sign of contrariness. The connection between his diverse projects, he says, is "a concern with sex and the expression of sex, or the lack of sex," a subject hardly likely to go out of fashion. So much for his theme. His style is clearly to allow his actors a very generous rein. This puts him at the opposite end of the spectrum to the *grand projet* kind of director who comes bearing a masterplan. Mathias's method sounds more organic.

"Yes, it's an awful word, isn't it, like farming turnips, but it genuinely is," he says. "I'm the sort of person that, if I cook, I can't use a recipe book. I tell the actors that anything is possible: go wherever you want to, swing from the chandeliers. I'm a great believer in letting things go to a daring end."

● *Design for Living opens tonight at the Donmar Warehouse (071-369 1732)*

PROMS 1994

Cheers for Arnold

"O FORTUNA, velut luna, statu variabilis": the great chant to the fickleness of fortune and the moon which begins and ends Orff's *Carmina Burana* must have reverberated through the very core of Malcolm Arnold's being, as the 73-year-old composer sat in the Albert Hall apparently enjoying every moment of a powerful second half of the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra**'s Prom.

His own Second Symphony, and his presence, were cheered to the echo on Sunday; but it was not always like that. In the central part of his composing career, the time often seemed to be out of joint. While he was making his way in the early Fifties with symphonies and overtures, the musical cognoscenti were still bewitched by schools: the Second Viennese, Darmstadt, Manchester. Almost anything else seemed perverse, reactionary, trivial even.

Now, Arnold is hailed as "not so much a conservative as a conservationist" and, as such, is once again musico-politically correct. So, with something of the atmosphere of a triumphant premiere, his Second Symphony of 1953 was played for the third time only at a Prom in a performance conducted by Richard Hickox, which revealed its distinctive voice and its fine making.

The miracle of Arnold's music is that it is tightly constructed while sounding relaxed, expansive yet economic. The opening pastoral — and no predictable damp water-meadow of an English pastoral this — plays with long lines of strong, open-air melody; the second movement is a Scherzo unashamedly bowing the knee to Sibelius.

But the third movement, whatever its conceptual debt to Mahler, is pure Arnold in its clarity of single colour tones and deceptively artful organisation. Three ideas — a strange bassoon melody, a chillingly static chord sequence, a little oscillating woodwind figure — mark the passing of time in a long, slow march that seems to belong to the kingdom of Pan. The haunting opening figure's return in the otherwise rumbustious finale is again pure Arnold: poignant, ironic, and always ready to shock.



Malcolm Arnold: correct

The symphony had been dedicated to the BSO and Sir Charles Groves, so it was fitting that the conductor's widow, Lady Groves, should present the prize named after him to the Proms themselves.

John Drummond, who has directed an exceptionally fine Proms season this year, accepted the award. The night before, too, he had stood by the podium to announce the indisposition of Gunter Wand, who was to have conducted Schubert's Eighth and Ninth Symphonies. Eager to temper his audience's considerable disappointment with both a detailed explanation and a grateful welcome for substitute Andrew Davis, Drummond set a sportsmanlike and genial tone for what was to be an evening of affable music-making.

For this Prom, a tribute to a former chief conductor of the **BBC Symphony Orchestra**, Sir Adrian Boult, the feeling of concerted teamwork and goodwill among the players was almost palpable. The "Unfinished" moved with an ease and a well-balanced grace as if it had all the time in the world, its song soaring through the firm tread of its second movement.

The Great C Major, too, was played with the smiling ease and familiarity of converse with an old and respected friend. Rhythms bounced rather than bit; the little oboe figure, which can tinge the second movement with an ineradicable melancholy, chirruped out fearlessly. For this Saturday night, all was well and all manner of thing was well and, judging by the warmth of the applause, this was exactly how it should be.

HILARY FINCH

NICK ROGERS



Pierre Boulez: planning to make *Domaines* "less obvious and more interesting"

CONCERT: Pierre Boulez provides a spectacular finale to the Festival

Back in explosive form

EIC/Boulez
Edinburgh Playhouse

A LATE entry among Edinburgh Festival themes was the music of Pierre Boulez. It made its way into the programme by way of the Piano Sonata in an exciting Joanna MacGregor recital last week: it changed the face of the morning concerts thanks to a demonstration of the extraordinary accomplishment of the Ensemble InterContemporain from IRCAM in Paris; and it inspired a technological spectacular in the unlikely setting of the Playhouse Theatre on the afternoon of the very last day.

Another spectacular aspect of the concert in the Playhouse, apart from the sounds spinning round the theatre from perhaps as many as a dozen loudspeakers, was the size of the audience. No one would want to make Edinburgh into a contemporary music festival, but this event did show just what can be achieved when a consistently high level of performance over a period of weeks leaves the public eager for still more music, even new music.

The immediate reward was *Dialogue de l'ombre double* performed by one of the InterContemporain clarinettists, Alain Damiens, and the IRCAM technicians. The latter sustained an exchange with the soloist through their amplified and electronically enhanced versions of the material which he had just delivered.

One of the more approachable of Boulez's works, *Dialogue de l'ombre* is a close relation of *Domaines* which (alongside a seductive performance of *Le Marteau sans maître* with Randi Stene as mezzo soloist) was the revelation of the InterContemporain concert in the Queen's Hall, this time with André Trouttet as the clarinettist and David Robertson conducting the instrumental responses to his provocations.

It was with a feeling of awe that one heard the composer announce afterwards that he was thinking of writing a new version of *Domaines* "to make it less obvious, less obvious and at the same time more interesting".

That is precisely what he has been doing over a period of 20 years to *Explosante-fixe*, which has developed from a single page to well over 30 minutes of music for a large ensemble dominated by a flute linked by way of computer-driven technology to the array of loudspeakers.

On its first British performance in the Playhouse this latest version of *Explosante-fixe* was not at all obvious, in spite of its unexpected echoes of Olivier Messiaen; instead it was very interesting, and just a little on the long side.

GERALD LARNER

JAZZ REVIEW

Man of vision

Mulgrew Miller
Purcell Room

MISSISSIPPI-born Mulgrew Miller is widely tipped as jazz's next great piano master, and this polished but affectingly lyrical performance with Richie Goods (bass) and Tony Reedus (drums) went a long way towards showing why.

Although possessed of a prodigious natural talent — he was reproducing hymns by ear at six — the sophistication of his live playing is a testament both to formal training and, crucially, to two decades of experience in a variety of jazz contexts.

A three-year big-band stint with Duke Ellington's son Mercer has left Miller with what he refers to as a "sense of drama and orchestration". A period with the doyenne of standard singers, Betty Carter, has helped him to inject wit into his interpretations of popular song material. His main stylistic influence, however, is clearly hard bop. In this field Miller learnt his trade with the finest: drummers Art Blakey and Tony Williams.

Of course all the sideman experience in the world might not have resulted in Miller being a great leader, but on starting out fronting his own trio, he made it clear that he possessed the vital qualification for the job: a distinctive musical vision, a personal quest for what he terms "true hearing", attainable only after complete technical proficiency has been reached, and involving experiencing his own music as "pure sound".

To this end, he aspires to make his piano "sing . . . shout like a big man, growl, or whisper like someone in love", and he did all this and more in front of a highly appreciative Purcell Room. Two of his acknowledged influences are Herbie Hancock and Ahmad Jamal, and Miller gracefully combined the harmonic adventurousness of the former with Jamal's celebrated use of space in two hours of compelling music intelligently minding cogent originals with standards. On "Body and Soul" Miller not only took a delightfully quirky harmonic route through familiar territory, but also emulated McCoy Tyner by rooting a post-bop improvisation in the stride-piano style; on an unaccompanied "It Never Entered My Mind" it employed all the ingenuity of his ex-boss Betty Carter to inject fresh life into this tender ballad.

The Blakey-Carter finishing school has turned out some stunning talents, but Mulgrew Miller, on this showing, might just be its most distinguished alumnus.

CHRIS PARKER

Living strand of aural history

In Portugal, **Michael Church** visits a festival with unexpected ties to some of the century's musical giants



The Labèque sisters: contributing this year to the uniformly high standards at Sintra

MUSIC festivals come in many shapes and sizes, but there is none so sweetly eccentric as Sintra, in the misty hills above Lisbon.

A nightingale contributes its non-stop descant over Mark Zeltser's august account of Beethoven's First Piano Concerto. Two big rats scramble about in the foliage above the bent heads of the vigorously toiling Labèque sisters. If one big rat should accidentally fall . . .

Such were the frissons on two successive nights at the Quinta da Piedade, where the auditorium is a verdant eminence the exact size and shape of the Wigmore Hall, with a comparably fine acoustic. The tall, commanding Portuguese lady who strolls among the audience during the interval has every reason to look triumphant. Without the Marquesa de Cadaval, whose home this is, the 30-year-old Sintra Festival would not exist, and several strands of European musical history would have taken a completely different course.

She is herself a strand of musical history. The Marquesa was born in 1900. Brought up in Venice, she knocked around with Puccini's stepdaughter, and it was this convivial gent who first taught her to dance. Ravel played the piano for her, Chaliapin sang, and Diaghilev and Nijinsky dropped by.

Her first act of musical patronage, while still a student, was to persuade Artur Rubinstein to give his services free for the Amici della Musica which she was helping to set up in Florence. Stravinsky soon became a lifelong friend, and was one of several composers who made her Venetian palazzo, and then her Portuguese quinta, homes from home.

The friendship flourished to the point where, to her consternation, he finally asked to die under her roof. The memory prompts this spry 94-year-old to reminisce: "I thought, I can't have this! If he dies in my bed, what do I do? Do I burn it afterwards? I certainly couldn't sleep in it. So I said, 'I'm sorry, I don't want him to die here. Tell him I hope he gets better!' "

Stravinsky glumly perished elsewhere.

It was the Marquesa who harboured Vladimir Ashkenazy and his wife after their sudden flight from Russia. At a special birthday concert given in Lisbon this year in her honour, the pianist paid tribute to his "mother hen". And it was to the Marquesa's house that her protégé Jacqueline Du Pré came with Daniel Barenboim for their honeymoon.

Musical life in Portugal was a stunted affair until the Marquesa de Cadaval — aided and abetted by the Gulbenkian Foundation — erupted on to the scene. She has since steered a masterly course through the political rapids before, during, and after the revolution. She persuaded Salazar — a man who abominated Jews and Communists — to let her import both in large quantities.

"I simply told him, 'If you want the best, you must let me have my Russians.' "

The Sintra Festival, which concluded last month with a series of dance events, has some wonderfully exotic venues, including the mad Gothic castle at Pena and the Versailles-style palace of Queluz. Artistic standards are uniformly high.

The festival should now enrich the mixture with smaller, less formal events, drawing perhaps on the pool of talent endlessly pouring forth from Europe's music conservatories.

The Marquesa and her committee are on the case.

Scotland banking on Shearer to rise to challenge

BY KEVIN MCCARRA AND PETER BALL

SAY what you like about the structure of Scottish football, but it does have excellent promotion prospects. With only two previous appearances as a substitute, Duncan Shearer is certain to lead the Scotland attack in their European championship group eight qualifying match against Finland in Helsinki tomorrow.

It is tempting to be sardonic about the rapid ascent of the Aberdeen striker, 32, and perhaps his prominence is indeed a reflection on the limited resources available to Craig Brown, the national coach. However, Scotland must also consider the contention that goals, at whatever level, have become an unbreakable habit for Shearer.

The most recent international for Brown's side, at the end of last season, brought a 3-1 defeat by Holland in Utrecht, but Shearer, introduced as a substitute for his second cap, scored to ensure that this "learning experience" was not entirely lugubrious.

"We found out that if we put the ball across the goal he'll put it in the net," Brown said. Shearer himself is encouraged. "Including my debut against Austria in April, I've twice been given 15 minutes and I've already scored," he said.

Shearer's touch can be uncertain and intended one-twos that include him are often fractured, but Shearer hits the ball early and often. He is always attempting to score and, with his husky build, usually generates great power. This simple talent brought him regular goals, both with Swindon Town and Blackburn Rovers. Kenny Dalglish understandably chose to replace him at Ewood Park with a superior model of Shearer, *Alan, but that did not reflect* too poorly on the Scotsman.

His lack of refinement can make him a fall guy after a bad result, but any club that drops him is likely to penalise itself. Aberdeen *omitted him* from the starting line-up against Skonto Riga in the Uefa Cup a fortnight ago, and found themselves removed from the tournament.

The Finns possess just one player of international repute, Jari Litmanen, of Ajax, who was top scorer in Holland with 26 league goals last season. Litmanen shares the view that Finns tend to be best at individual sports, such as athletics or ski jumping. It would be pleasant to suppose that, this time, it is Scotland's opponents who are already marshalling their excuses.

Ireland's flight from Dublin had a bumpy landing in Riga yesterday afternoon, but Jack Charlton and his team are hoping that they have a smoother passage when their group six campaign begins against Latvia tomorrow. "We *want a flying start,"* the Ireland manager said after training. "We want to win this game and beat Lichtenstein next month, so that we are in good shape when we go up to play the North."

Fifteen *months* ago, goals from McGrath and Aldridge helped Ireland win here comfortably enough on their way to the World Cup finals. With Spain and Denmark dropping points in Latvia it was an important victory, but Ireland's World Cup ended in anticlimax, and Charlton's innate caution persuaded him to warn that things may be harder this time. "A lot can happen in 15 *months,"* Charlton said. "Last time was their first competition and they weren't prepared for it. They will be a lot better prepared for this one."

Charlton has been forced to travel without Terry Phelan and Roy Keane. The loss of the Manchester City left back is easily covered, Irwin moving into his club position, thus leaving a place for Gary Kelly *at right back. The absence of* Keane is more serious.

Charlton could move McAteer into central midfield, but an alternative is to keep faith with Sheridan, one of Ireland's biggest disappointments in the United States. Either way, he seems certain to end the experiment with a five-man midfield, with Niall Quinn, who has not started a game for Manchester City this season, reclaiming his place in attack, probably alongside John Aldridge.

Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland manager, will not name his side or his captain for their group six qualifying game against Portugal at Windsor Park, Belfast, until this evening, but Hamilton seems certain to include the 19-year-old Manchester United winger, Keith Gillespie, for his debut.

Rush backs Giggs to fulfil potential

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WALES approach a new tournament, the European championship, with a newish manager, Mike Smith, in a state of relaxed readiness. The embarrassing memories of Terry Yorath's undignified departure in December, and the subsequently farcical 48-day reign of John Toshack, his successor, have been shunted into the mists of time.

Smith is preparing for the third game of his second spell *in charge of the Dragon and* remains acutely aware of its liking for glorious self-destruction on the brink of triumph. The 2-1 defeat against Romania at the National Stadium in November, with qualification for the World Cup finals but a whisker away for Yorath, is too ingrained in the Welsh consciousness to ignore.

Yet when Wales open their group seven European qualifying programme tomorrow against Albania in Cardiff, Smith will demand, in his usual quiet English manner, that no longer should they flatter to deceive. With Ryan Giggs, the Manchester United winger, the message is particularly poignant.

"I don't want us to have to sit back and wait for him," Smith said. "He is there for his excellence and, at times, can be awesome. Our job is to learn to work off him."

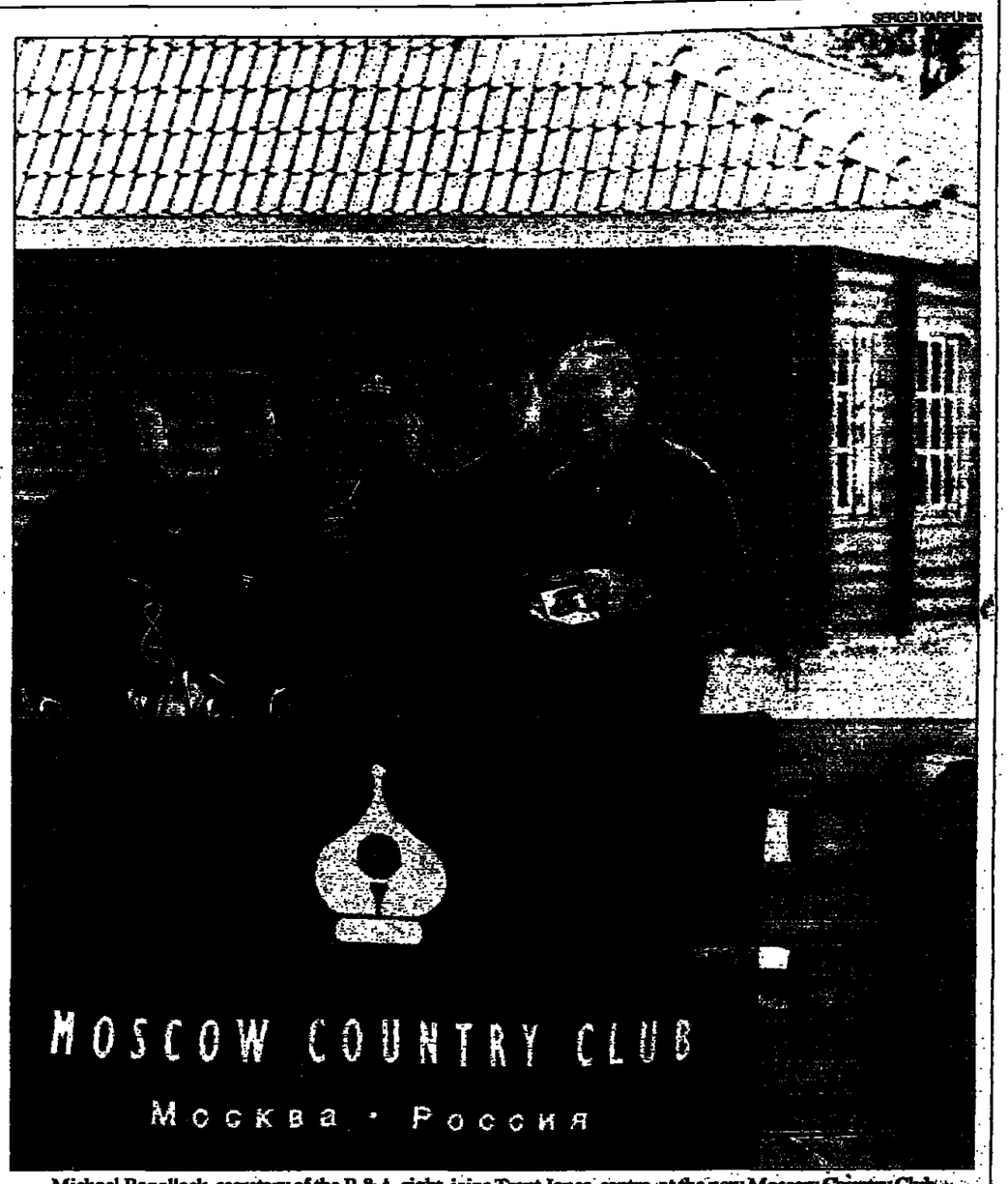
Giggs, 20, is too young to be labelled an enigma and, despite a less than impressive start to the FA Carling Premiership season at Old Trafford, Smith is investing much faith in him. Ian Rush, who has been there, seen it and done it in triplicate, also holds high hopes.

"People *have been giving* Ryan stick and saying that he's not come on a lot this season," Rush said. "The trouble is, he's come on too much, too soon, in the past."

Rush, 32, talks of Giggs in the same exulting tones as he does of Robbie Fowler, 19, his Liverpool team-mate. Yet Giggs, with 11 caps and two goals for Wales, is further down the road of expectation. "They are the two most outstanding players in the country and it gives me a great buzz to play alongside them," he said. "But the honeymoon is now over for Ryan and he's got to produce it. I know he can cope and I know he can come through." Exactly. The boy Giggs is no more; bring on the man.

Forging links in a Russian revolution

John Hopkins sees Russia's first 18-hole golf course opened after 20 years' hard labour



Michael Bonallack, secretary of the R & A, right, joins Trent Jones, centre, at the new Moscow Country Club

Ivan Ivanovich was delighted. A huge smile wreathed his face and beneath his bushy eyebrows, his eyes danced. Ivanovich was about to speak the words he had wanted to utter for more than 20 years. "Good afternoon, ladies, gentlemen and comrades. Welcome to the Moscow Country Club." A red ribbon was cut, champagne was drunk and, on a sunny September afternoon, Russia's first 18-hole golf course was opened for play. The working classes will hardly be rushing out from Moscow, 40 kilometres to the east. Basic annual membership is $US 1,500 (£975) and the dachas that can be glimpsed from the fairways average $10,000 each month.

Built at a cost of $3 million and paid for, owned and administered by the Russian government as an incentive to attract Western investment, the country club is aimed at the international businessman in Moscow.

That a capitalist game has a toehold in what was once the capital of communism is just one of the surprises that make up modern-day Moscow. Moscow is not the lightlyt trafficked capital the visitor remembers from 18 years ago, when there were no bath plugs or soap in his state-approved hotel.

Now red traffic lights in Moscow mean go and green mean go faster as a growing automobile population jostles for space. These days the cassette player in the hotel bar is Japanese, the brandy French, the cigarettes American, the language English and the currency US dollars.

The story of the Moscow Country Club, designed by Bobby Trent Jones, an American, and built by Antti Peltoniemi, a Finnish construction engineer, mirrors the rise and fall in the tensions between the world's great superpowers these past two decades. For Jones, words such as Salt talks, summits, detente, the Cold War, the Moscow coup, perestroika and glasnost have become as relevant as birdie and bogey.

It began when Dr Armand Hammer, of Occidental Petroleum, an American with a voracious entrepreneurial spirit, visited Leonid Brezhnev, secretary general, to discuss trading between the two countries. "What is golf?" Brezhnev asked and, having heard the answer, agreed it was an appropriate pastime for the USSR.

In 1974, Bobby Trent Jones and his father were members of a small delegation that visited the mayor of Moscow. Bobby brought a golf bag — *red of course — as a gift and* soon they were all chipping balls on the parquet floor of Moscow's town hall. The talk turned to the rules of golf and Vladimir Kuznetzov, a Russian diplomat and golf enthusiast, whispered to Jones: "Why are they talking about rules? Everyone knows we Russians make up our own rules anyway."

Much later, when he saw the design of the course, Kuznetzov summoned Jones. "Jones," he said, "you cannot have these dog-leg holes to the right."

"Why not, Ambassador?"

"Because they are ideologically incorrect — they must go to the left."

Moments of humour were rare and cherished all the more as the project seemed fated to die with each worsening of relations between East and West. In 1976 the Russians pulled out of the Montreal Olympics. In 1979 Jones *twice travelled to Moscow in* search of land but a few months later, Russia invaded Afghanistan. In 1980 the Americans boycotted the Moscow Olympics.

At the 1988 summit in Moscow, George Schultz spoke to Edvard Schevardnadze about the golf course. Soon work began again. Jones completed the course and once Russians had cleared the forest, he brought in Finnish contractors.

In character, the course resembles The Berkshire, although a couple of holes are dominated by a marsh and others play around a man-made lake. "It's Russia's first course so *I* want it to be worthy of the country," Jones said. "I want it to be a treasure hunt of golf course architecture. I want to give the guys who play this a feel of what they'll see elsewhere in the world. Here, look." He pointed to a row of bunkers *marching horizontally up the* fairway of the 14th hole.

"These are my Church Pews," he said referring to the famous bunkers at Oakmont Country Club in Pittsburgh. "Only these they're Russian Orthodox."

The doggedness shown by Jones, a lifelong Democrat, borders on the heroic. It is just as well that his other passion in life is politics, which has brought him the sobriquet, FOB, which stands for Friend Of Bill's [President Clinton's]. But for him and Peltoniemi, the course might not yet have been completed.

Yet a curious spirit has sprung up among these disparate men. The Russian who cleared the forest, a man as strong as a bull who once wrapped a club around his neck, was formerly an aviation expert. One of the construction workers, an honest, *law-abiding communist,* trained in the aerospace industry. He could never have dreamt that, in his forties, he would change from building communist rockets to labouring in a capitalist sporting playground. Later he would spend six months at a Jones-designed golf course in Florida and cry when he had to return to the US.

The spirit that bonded all these men was present all through last week's inaugural Russian Open. It was fuelled by Finnish drinking toasts, American knowledge, Russian humour. "Did you know they call a putt that stops on the lip of the cup a Russian putt?" Jones asked during the first round of the 54-hole competition.

"No, why?"

"Because it needs one more revolution."

Rugby stands accused over violence in the game



DAVID HANDS
Rugby Commentary

A colleague in New Zealand complained during the summer that the media, television specifically, focused far too much on the negative element in rugby union and ignored the positive. He should, perhaps, have known better but you can sympathise with his point.

What has been the primary image of rugby union during 1994? Have we run and rerun that epic try scored by France to win the second international with New Zealand, or England's near-perfect opening quarter against South Africa in Pretoria; admired the depth and vision of Australia's backs against Western Samoa; wondered at the breath-taking second half between Australia and New Zealand?

No, the memory recalls more easily that rugby stood in the dock, when a player was cleared of manslaughter at the Old Bailey; that the British season produced none of the romance that makes sport worth the effort and capped mediocre domesticity with an England tour to South Africa littered with foul play, culminating in the affray at Port Elizabeth; that South Africa's ill-disciplined visit to New Zealand reached its nadir when Johan le Roux bit an opponent's ear.

Ian Beer, the outgoing president of the Rugby Football Union, told this year's annual meeting that rugby was in danger of "tearing itself apart at the top through money and/or violence". The onus is for rugby to put its house in order as a new season begins so that next year's World Cup in South Africa can do for the code what football's tournament in the United States did.

"What is becoming increasingly clear is that attitudes concerning violent play ... are out of touch with the attitudes of society," Lee Smith, New Zealand's technical director, said. "It is the attitude of those who will support the game if they view it as a worthwhile pursuit ... If the image is a violent one the number will decline and if it is constructive and entertaining the number will increase. This group is intelligent, has the means to pursue alternative activities and is capable of making its own mind up on issues."

Smith makes the point that "traditional" attitudes are detrimental and that rugby must see itself as part of, rather than in isolation from, society. If they are saying this in conservative, rugby-mad New Zealand, how much truer is it in "sophisticated" Europe. By the same token, while rugby may wish to legislate for itself, if it is not seen to be doing so effectively, then outside agencies — increasingly the civil courts — will do so.

The question, as ever, is one of degree. In a physical contact game, how much allowance should be made for the occasional outburst of spleen, as opposed to concerted violence, and how far back does responsibility rest? Clearly, primary responsibility is with the player, and Tim Rodber, for one, admits that he lost control during England's game with Eastern Province in Port Elizabeth last June.

Yet that same match provides evidence that over-aggression was built into the Eastern Province approach. England had ample warning, before they arrived, that they faced one of the rougher rides in South Africa. The inference, therefore, is that the coach and selectors encouraged a physical approach to knock opponents off their stride. Rugby is a game to be played hard, and legal intimidation has always been part and parcel; it is not, though, a game to be played dirty, but explaining the difference in a court of law is far from easy.

It is, as Smith says, a question of how the public at large reacts. The game has made a variety of gestures, ranging from New Zealand's disciplinary commissioner empowered to cite players where he thinks fit to the recent recommendations by England about the conduct of disciplinary hearings. Such gestures would hardly be necessary if selectors accepted the responsibility for their actions, if firm examples were made, at the highest level, of offending players and if match officials paid strict heed to what the law says.

In the final analysis it is players who misbehave and referees who have the power to punish them. The irony is that the game today *is probably* cleaner than between the wars — aided by the eye of the television camera. But that same eye magnifies the crime beyond the context of the game and that is what the sport must cope with. If that means more players being punished to the limit the law — rugby's law — permits, that is a small price to pay for rugby's reputation.

RFU eases burden on leading players

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IF ENGLAND'S beleaguered players follow guidelines proposed by the Rugby Football Union (RFU), then even their strict requirements should be met in this most significant of seasons. Will Carling, the England captain, has called for national-squad members to play no more than 24 matches before next summer's World Cup, and the RFU proposals go a long way towards meeting his request.

First and second division clubs have been invited to comment on the proposals that relieve squad players of five league matches and strictly limit the demands made on them in April: "That's the crucial month, with four league games, cup semi-finals and the final in May," Carling said.

The RFU is reluctant to make specific instructions, though some club officials believe that if Jack Rowell, the England manager, issued such instructions they would be adhered to. But Carling believes the guidelines to be "as close as you'll get". He added: "They'll never be perfect and they won't please everyone, but there were several club captains at our get-together in Bath last week and we can live with them."

The proposals relieve the players chosen to play in any of the six internationals this season (with one exception) of the need to play on the preceding Saturday, unless requested to do so as a fitness test. The party of 21 players required for the game against Canada, on December 10, need not appear in the divisional championship, although the proposals state that the competition remains "a key selection vehicle for deciding the final composition of the World Cup squad. England A and England emerging players".

Players will be available for fifth-round Pilkington Cup ties on January 28, a week before the clash with France, and have the option of appearing in subsequent cup rounds, including the final on May 6, less than three weeks before the World Cup begins.

David Pears, who damaged his groin playing for Harlequins on the same ground, Blackrock College, where last year he damaged medial ligaments in his knee, misses this evening's game between the Barbarians and the French Barbarians in the refurbished Stade Charlety in Paris, as do Abdelatif Benazzi and Leon Loppy, both of whom have withdrawn from the French team.

David Campese is at full back for the French Barbarians, a position from which he played 16 internationals for Australia before moving onto the wing. His compatriot, Nick Farr-Jones, who retired from Test rugby two years ago, joins Campese in alliance with 13 Frenchmen, including Philippe Sella, the only man to surpass 100 caps.

Results from company golf days

The four top scorers in the individual Stableford competitions played on the company golf days listed below now comprise the company team eligible to qualify for a regional final.

Date	Company name	Venue	Total points
18 Jul	Barclays Bank, Westbrook Park	Barnwell Golf Club	155
	1, R Duggleby 43; 2, S Davis 39; 3, D Thorley 38; 4, R Harvey 36		
9 Aug	The Association of Licensed Fork Trailers	Moor Park	126
	1, S Aggarwal, 40; 2, J Aggarwal 40; 3, M Newson 37; 4, D Aggarwal 36		
23 Aug	Anglo Group Marketing Limited	Forest of Arden	129
	1, A Cobb, 39; 2, M Norman 32; 3, T Williams 32; 4, M Jones 28		
23 Aug	Mitchell Sykes (UK) Ltd	St Andrews	126
	1, T Roberts, 38; 2, R Thompson 37; 3, P Smith 34; 4, T Jones 32		
25 Aug	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	1, M Reynolds, 38; 2, D Fulcher 38; 3, N Roberts 38; 4, A Howarth, 37		
25 Aug	Bayer UK	[illegible]	[illegible]
	1, I King, 40; 2, L Whitehead 40; 3, M Dawkins 39; 4, L Goodall 37		
26 Aug	Brown Shipley Venture Management	[illegible]	[illegible]
	1, G Vero, 37; 2, A Moye, 36; 3, E Cooper 35; 4, R Kemp 31		
26 Aug	E W Payne Containers Ltd	[illegible]	[illegible]
	1, R Bridge 41; 2, M Stones 39; 3, R Warboys 39; 4, C Baker 38		
26 Aug	MCA Group Ltd	[illegible]	[illegible]
	1, T Wallace 39; 2, T Bowen, 38; 3, D Gordon, 35; 4, K Weston 35k		
27 Aug	AOC International Ltd	[illegible]	[illegible]
	1, I Magee, 38; 2, N Strachan 36; 3, A Crawford 35; 4, G Wigg 35		
30 Aug	AIG Europe	[illegible]	[illegible]
	1, B Cooney, 41; 2, F Reve, 40; 3, B Miller 40; 4, C Murlowski 39		
30 Aug	Heath Fabrics and Professional Insurance Ltd	[illegible]	[illegible]
	1, R Kilpatrick 37; 2, G Evans 36; 3, M Shipton 28; 4, L King 20		
30 Aug	Olivetti (UK) Ltd	[illegible]	[illegible]
	1, J Lambert 37; 2, P West 36; 3, A Watson, 35; 4, H Medcraft 32		
31 Aug	Coopers & Lybrand	[illegible]	[illegible]
	1, J Nimmo 38; 2, D Clarkson 33; 3, F Bin 33; 4, T Pace 32		
31 Aug	Close Brothers Limited	Wentworth	138
	1, J Gibb, 39; 2, T Morris 37; 3, T Ridgway 34; 4, M Grogan 29		
31 Aug	Reuters (Holdings)	Porters Park	140
	1, M Elliott 39; 2, P Tomblin 35; 3, R Wallace 33; 4, M Williams 33		
2 Sept	Bromsgrove Guild	Pumphreys Park	138
	1, R Hubbell 42; 2, A Bird, 403, J Thomas 39; 4, R Lacaby 38		
2 Sept	Cadbury Limited	[illegible]	[illegible]
	1, P Galbraith 38; 2, D Varston 34; 3, D Allardyce 33; 4, M Foulds 32		
2 Sept	Wm Cannon (Management Aids of Bath) Ltd	[illegible]	[illegible]
	1, D Litton, 39; 2, J Boyd 37; 3, S Grey, 35; 4, M Henthorn 35		
3 Sept	Banque Paribas	Sherwood Park	140
	1, I West 37; 2, B Pooley 37; 3, R Pratt, 37; 4, M Edwards 37		

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BERGSCHRUND
(c) A crevasse or series of crevasses often found near the head of a mountain glacier, from the German *berg (cf. barrow) + schrund* a cleft: "There was the usual bergschrund between the snow and the warmer rock of the gendarme."

DENTEX
(c) The common name of a sea bream, *Dentex dentex*, found in the Mediterranean and along the North African Atlantic coast; also used for other members of the genus. From *Sparus dentex*, the Linnaean name of the fish. *Cousteau's Silent World*, translated, 1953: "Below I saw a big blue dentex (bream) with a bitter mouth and hostile eyes."

EMMER
(c) A species of wheat, *Triticum dicoccum*, from the Old High German *amer*: "The wild ancestor of emmer wheat (*Triticum dicoccum* with fourteen chromosomes) is alleged to grow native in Western Persia and Mesopotamia, in Syria and Palestine."

GABOON
(c) A hardwood from the tree *Aucoumea klaineana*, also attributively as *Gaboon adder* and *viper*, from the name of a province and river in West Africa: "The heart-wood is very black and hard and is known as black ebony, and Gaboon, Lagos, Calabar or Niger ebony."

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Pick *The Times* Courage First XV to win £10,000

For many England hopefuls, the chance to stake a claim for the World Cup squad will come during the fiercely contested games that have become the hallmark of the Courage Clubs Championship, which kicks off this season on Saturday September 10.

Pick the 15 players from the clubs in the first and second divisions of the Courage Clubs Championship who you think would combine to take the title this season and you could win £10,000, or one of many great rugby prizes including a World Cup trip for two to South Africa.



THE GAME PLAN

The Times Courage First XV revolves around the 300 players listed below who represent the 20 English rugby union clubs in the first and second divisions of the Courage Clubs Championship. The object of the game is to select the XV that will amass the highest number of points during the 18-match league season.

HOW TO SCORE

All 300 players have been given a rating based on their scoring record. Whenever one of your chosen team scores points in a league match the value of his score should be multiplied by his rating and the resulting figure put towards your team's score. For example, Rob Andrew has a rating of two; if he scores a try (five points), converts it (two points), drops a goal (three points) and kicks a penalty (three points), his actual match tally of 13 points is multiplied by two to give a score of 26.

Every Wednesday after a Courage Clubs Championship Saturday the updated scores of all 300 players will be published in *The Times*, together with the names and team scores of the top 50 First XV selectors, as well as the name and score of a weekly prize-winner.

TEAM SELECTION

It is simply a matter of picking one player from each of the 15 position groupings, with the following provisos:

1) You may pick only one kicker (denoted by K);
2) You must include at least five players from second division clubs.
Note: You must pick players only for the positions under which they are listed, even if you know they sometimes play in other positions.

You should be aware that some clubs operate a rota system, so not all players listed will play in every game, and that some top players are sometimes rested by their clubs. And those at the top level who play a lot of representative rugby will be more exposed to injury.

This selection will serve as your team in two separate competitions. The main competition takes into account the scores in all 18 league games of the Courage Clubs Championship (the results of which will be known only after the final game on April 29 1995). The other competition covers only the first half of the season, the ninth and final game of which will be played on November 5.

If you are not happy with your selected team's performance after the first half of the season, you can enter a different selection for the competition covering the second half of the season, beginning on January 7. However, only your original team selection will count in the main competition which covers the full season.

HOW TO ENTER

Your team selection for the main competition (covering the full season) and the competition covering the first half of the season must be received by noon on September 10 1994, before the first league game of the season kicks off.

You may enter by post or by telephone. If you are entering by post: complete the entry form in block capitals and post it together with a cheque/P O for £1.50 (payable to 'First XV') to: The Times Courage First XV, PO Box 600, Luton LU2 0NZ, postmarked no later than September 9.

By telephone: Entrants may enter using a Touchtone telephone on **0891 40 50 15**. Most telephones with a * and a # key are Touchtone.

The recorded message will explain simply what to do and will ask you to key in your selection by the player reference code listed before each player's name — for example, if you have chosen J Callard at fullback, key in 001 for that position.

Ensure that you have your final team selection in front of you and that you are ready to quote your full name and address and team name (see below). At the end of the message you will be given a Personal Identification Number (PIN) which you should note down on the entry form — and which you should use in any correspondence. All selections received by the closing deadline will be acknowledged within 21 days and selectors will be sent:
a) A team sheet confirming the selection. If there are any errors this must be amended and returned to the organisers within seven days.
b) A score sheet, to enable you to keep track of your team's performance.

When entering, please nominate a rugby club. If you win any one of the 36 prizes, the club will also win. It can be any rugby club you like.

You may also choose to give your selected XV a name, using a maximum of 16 characters, under which your score may be published if it is among the leading scores.

Rugby trips, VIP tickets and Courage beer prizes

The main competition

First prize: £10,000 for the selector whose team amasses the highest number of points from all 18 games of the 1994-5 Courage Clubs Championship. If the winner wants to use some of the money to attend the World Cup in South Africa next year, Courage will arrange flights, accommodation and a chance to meet the England squad.
Second prize: a trip for two to see England's three World Cup pool games in Durban, from May 27 to June 4 1995, courtesy of Sport Abroad. The trip will include flights, transfers, hotel accommodation, match tickets and visits to a nature reserve and safari park.
Third prizes: ten competitors will each win a fully installed BT satellite system, two cases of Courage Directors bitter and two four-hour VHS video tapes.

The first half of the season

First prize: The highest number of points from the first nine games of the 1994-5 Courage Clubs Championship wins a trip to Dublin for two to see England play Ireland in January, courtesy of Sport Abroad.
Second prize: a trip to Cardiff for two to see England play Wales in February, courtesy of Sport Abroad.
Third prize: Two tickets for England v France at Twickenham on February 4 as V I P guests of Courage.

The second half of the season

First prize: The selector with the highest number of points from the last nine games of the 1994-5 Courage Clubs Championship wins a trip to Paris for two people to see

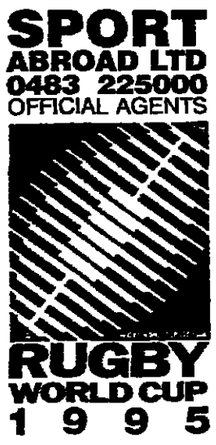


France play England in 1996.
Second prize: A trip to Murrayfield for two people to see Scotland play England in 1996.
Third prize: Two tickets for the Pilkington Cup Final at Twickenham on May 6 1995 as V I P guests of Courage.

Note: Only selectors who have submitted a separate entry for the second half of the season will be eligible for these three prizes.

Weekly Courage Best competition

The selector whose team achieves the highest number of points on



each individual Saturday throughout the 18-match Courage Clubs Championship will win a fully installed BT satellite system and two cases of Courage beer. Should there be more than one equal highest score, the winner will be drawn at random from all winning selectors.

Courage Directors club prizes

All selectors who win one of the 36 prizes will also win a prize for their nominated rugby club. Each winning club will receive five cases of



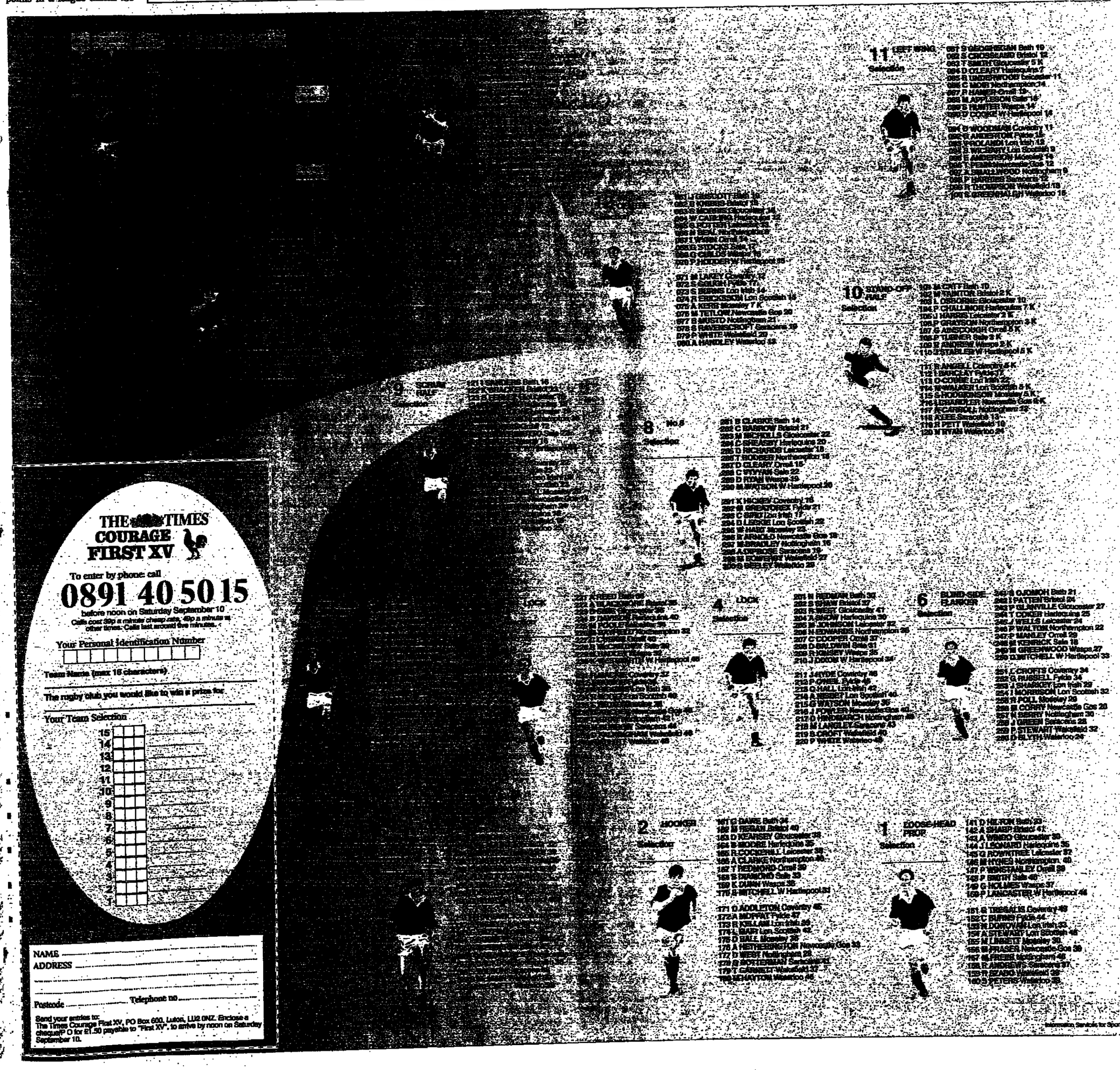
COURAGE BEST

Courage Directors and a Courage Best England training shirt.

In addition, one of the following prizes will be awarded on a random basis to each of the 36 clubs:
☐ A training session by a member of the current England squad;
☐ An England shirt or training shirt signed by the England team;
☐ A rugby ball signed by the England team:
☐ A table for ten at the Courage lunch before England's matches against Canada and Scotland.

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5. The instructions and explanatory copy on this page form part of the laws of the game.
6. The decision of the panel of judges in any matter relating to *The Times* Courage First XV will be final. No correspondence will be entered into.
7. If there are ties for any of the prizes, there will be a further test of skill to determine the winner.



New world order created by Chinese

FROM CRAIG LORD IN ROME

THE seventh world swimming championships went according to script at the Stadio del Nuoto here last night, as the Chinese women took over where the East Germans had left off in 1988. Le Jingyi and Lu Bin were the first act, exploding off the blocks in the 100 metres freestyle to emerge head and shoulders ahead of a field that included the world record-holder and European and Commonwealth champions.

Le's half-way split was 25.79sec, almost a second up on the time the American, Jenny Thompson, had set on her way to the world record of 54.48sec. Le muscled her way home with a flailing wide stroke that bore remarkable resemblance to that seen among the East Germans and hammered into the timing pad in 54.01sec. Lu finished in 54.15sec, also inside the world record.



Pickering: delighted

There was a touch of irony in the third-place result: Franziska van Almsick had been chosen by East German scouts as the girl who would replace Kristin Otto as the next *wundermädchen*. But the Berlin Wall fell and East German coaches exported their secrets to China. Van Almsick, 16, clocked 54.77sec.

In the fastest 100 metres freestyle field in history, Karen Pickering, of Ipswich, set a Commonwealth record of 55.79sec to finish equal seventh and become the first British woman to better 56 seconds. Delighted with her own time, Pickering was more concerned with that of the Chinese. "I couldn't believe it — it's a man's time," she said.

Le and Lu later contributed to the Chinese 4 x 200 metres relay that won in 7min 57.96sec, a world championship record but just shy of the world record set by East Germany in 1987. Germany were second last night, with the United States third.

Asked about allegations of drug taking, Le said through an interpreter: "I get very angry about this. It is totally groundless. When European and American athletes do well, that's OK. The main reason is people are jealous."

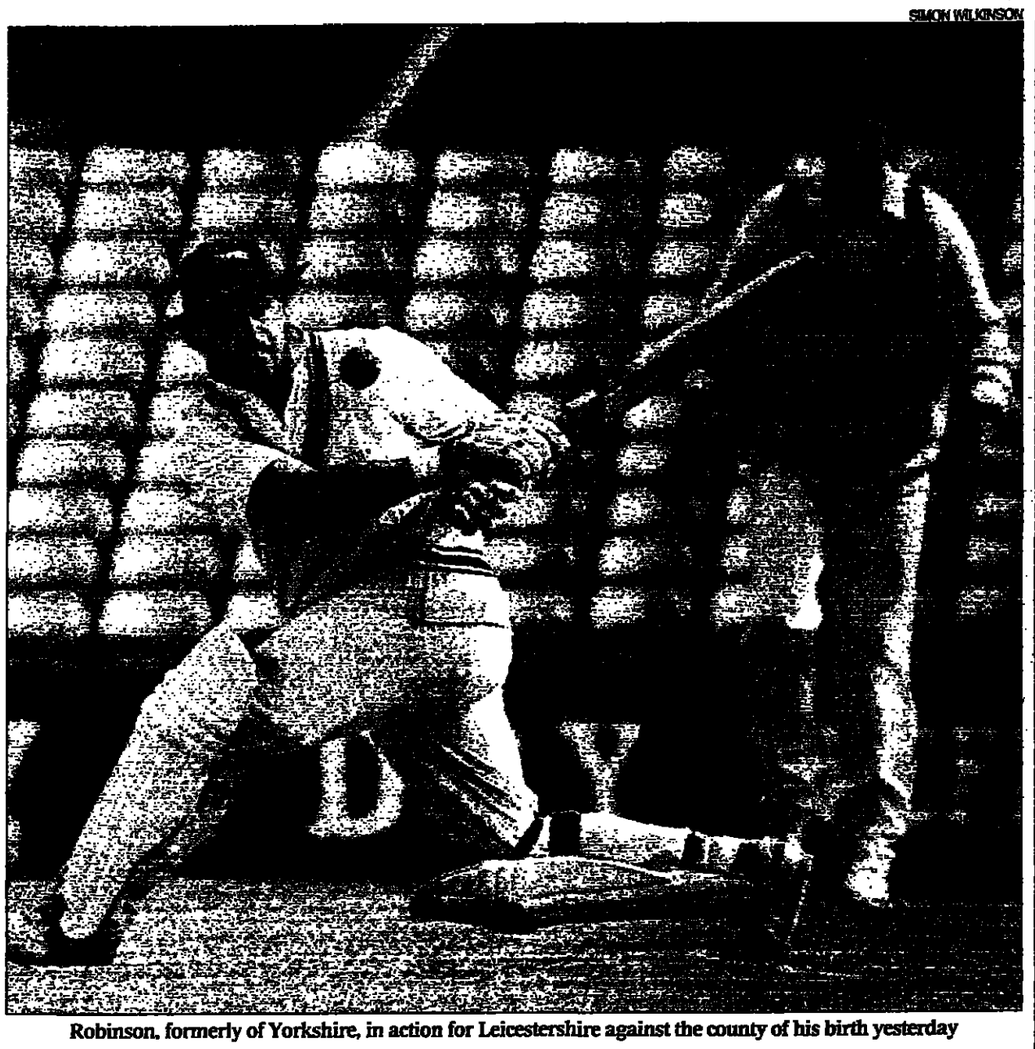
She said she had been tested four times this year out of competition, three times by Chinese doctors and once by Fina, the international governing body. The reasons why Chinese women were comparatively better than the men were "culture and hard work".

Dai Guohong was act two, like Le adding a world long-course title to the short-course crown she had claimed last December. Dai, 16, was five *metres behind at the halfway* point of the 400 metres medley, but a breaststroke leg of staggering speed left her two metres ahead of her American rivals, Allison Wagner and Kristine Quance. Dai held on to her lead to win in 4min 39.14sec.

Pickering's performance augurs well for today's 200 metres, the distance at which she is world short-course champion. In Victoria, she won the 100 metres but finished a tired third in the 200 metres, having snatched only a few hours sleep because of her commitments to the 4 x 200 metres relay and a delayed drugs test. Without relay commitments last night, she was "looking forward to the 200, its going to be good. Two minutes has not been a barrier, its just a case of when I do it".

Nick Gillingham, 27, must also concentrate all his efforts on the 200 metres, at breaststroke, after finishing ninth in a poor 1min 03.09sec in the heats of the 100 metres. His result continued something of a jinx over the 100 metres at world championships; as a newcomer to the international scene in Madrid in 1986, he was disqualified for a faulty stroke and did not make the British team for the 100 metres in Perth in 1991.

SIMON WILKINSON



Robinson, formerly of Yorkshire, in action for Leicestershire against the county of his birth yesterday

Yorkshire full of strength in depth

BY SIMON WILDE

HEADINGLEY (Leicestershire won toss): Yorkshire beat Leicestershire by six wickets

YORKSHIRE dispatched the holders, Leicestershire, in the Bain Clarkson Trophy final with disdainful ease yesterday, cantering to a target of 193 with six wickets and 17 balls to spare. It is the second time they have won the second XI limited-overs competition, in addition to having captured the second-team championship on four occasions since 1968. Both are records.

Yorkshire have long been masters at producing teenage tyros. Just look at the England Under-19 team, with its six representatives of the three shires. But what happens to the county's cricketers between the ages of 19 and 24 that makes them unable to dominate, as they once did, the county championship proper?

Jack Birkenshaw, the Leicestershire cricket manager and a Yorkshire player between 1958 and 1960, agrees that there are special pressures at Yorkshire, where there is a large, organised recruiting system and high expectations of success.

"At Leicestershire," he said yesterday, "we try to encourage our youngsters to enjoy their cricket. There is a relaxed atmosphere. Because we are a smaller county, with fewer resources, they have not got so many up-and-coming lads on their shoulder."

It is certainly strange that so talented a batsman as Ashley Metcalfe should be languishing in the Yorkshire second XI. He has played only two championship matches this season and his future is uncertain. Yesterday, he did not miss out, making 93 from 138 balls and winning the man-of-the-match award. He made light work of all seven bowlers used by Leicestershire. It was the seventh, Bartle, who removed Schofield for 38 after he and Metcalfe had made 113 for the first wicket.

Leicestershire, for their part, simply did not make enough runs. Hepworth, one of four Yorkshire-born members of the team, played too weighty an anchor role in spending 47 overs scoring 69, and his departure started a collapse that saw the loss of four wickets in as many overs.

LEICESTERSHIRE

D L Maddy c Parker b Hamilton	8
P N Hepworth c Foster b Hamilton	69
B F Smith c Milburn b Keedy	27
P E Robinson c Chapman b Batty	13
S J Bartle c and b Keedy	3
J M Dakin b Foster	18
A I Ditta b Milburn	0
**P Whitticase not out	26
T J Mason lbw b Milburn	2
I M Stanger not out	15
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 6)	11
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	192

A G Sheriyar did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-70, 3-91, 4-109, 5-147, 6-147, 7-147, 8-158.

BOWLING: Hamilton 11-2-41-2; Milburn 10-2-30-2; Foster 6-0-19-1; Kettleborough 8-1-20-0; Batty 11-1-40-1; Keedy 11-1-38-2.

YORKSHIRE

*A A Metcalfe b Stanger	93
C J Schofield c Mason b Bartle	38
R A Kettleborough c Robinson b Bartle	18
B Parker not out	7
A Morris run out	1
†C A Chapman not out	4
Extras (lb 11, w 7, nb 14)	32
Total (4 wkts, 52.1 overs)	193

M J Foster, J D Batty, G M Hamilton, S M Milburn and G Keedy did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-113, 2-178, 3-180, 4-184.

BOWLING: Sheriyar 3-0-16-0; Stanger 9-4-21-1; Dakin 11-0-44-0; Ditta 10.1-1-31-0; Mason 6-2-16-0; Hepworth 2-0-13-0; Bartle 11-1-42-2.

Umpires: B Dudleston and G I Burgess.

Lara considers return

DESPITE the fatigue and injury worries that have occasionally clouded Brian Lara's run-laden first season in county cricket, he is considering returning for more in 1996. "I would like to come back and have another go in England," Lara, who will be touring with West Indies next summer, said.

"I would have to be with a successful county and I have been very excited by what we have been doing here at Warwickshire."

Denied the chance of all four trophies by Worcestershire on Sunday, Warwickshire will today be hoping to sustain their hopes of a treble in the AXA Equity & Law League against Hampshire.

Dermot Reeve, their captain, who complained of feeling unwell during the NatWest Trophy final, is expected to play. His side leads the table, two points ahead of Kent and four clear of Worcestershire, who have a game in hand.

Matthew Church, the Worcestershire 12th man at Lord's, has been brought into the side to play Lancashire at Old Trafford. He replaces Damian D'Oliveira.

McLaren to answer gearbox claims

MCLAREN have been ordered to answer charges of illegally using an automatic gearbox at the San Marino Grand Prix, the International Motoring Federation (FIA) said yesterday. FIA said a fully automatic upchange facility had been found in the software of Mika Hakkinen's car after the race at Imola on May 1. Hakkinen was third in a race overshadowed by the death of Ayrton Senna. The team has been ordered to appear before the World Motor Sport Council in Paris tomorrow, when Benetton, the championship leaders, will also meet charges of tampering with their refuelling equipment at the German Grand Prix.

J. J. Lehto, of Finaland, will replace Michael Schumacher for Benetton at the Italian Grand Prix at Monza on Sunday. Schumacher, of Germany, lost his appeal against a two-race ban for ignoring a black flag at Silverstone in July.

Holland's away day

CRICKET: Worcestershire will begin their defence of the NatWest Trophy at home to Cumberland next season. Holland make their first appearance in the competition with an away tie against Northamptonshire. The first-round matches will take place on Tuesday, June 27.

FIRST ROUND: Cambridgeshire v Derbyshire; Cheshire v Essex; Cornwall v Middlesex; Durham v Herefordshire; Glamorgan v Dorset; Gloucestershire v Suffolk; Lancashire v Norfolk; Leicestershire v Hampshire; Northamptonshire v Holland; Nottinghamshire v Scotland; Staffordshire v Kent; Surrey v Berkshire; Sussex v Devon; Warwickshire v Somerset; Worcestershire v Cumberland; Yorkshire v Ireland.
SECOND ROUND: Cheshire or Essex v Yorkshire or Ireland; Durham or Herefordshire v Gloucestershire or Suffolk; Lancashire or Norfolk v Worcestershire or Cumberland; Leicestershire or Hampshire v Glamorgan or Dorset; Nottinghamshire or Scotland v Northamptonshire or Holland; Surrey or Berkshire v Cornwall or Middlesex; Sussex or Devon v Cambridgeshire or Derbyshire; Warwickshire or Somerset v Staffordshire or Kent.

Hamed's defence

BOXING: Naseem Hamed, of Sheffield, has been ordered to make a second defence of his European bantamweight title. Three weeks after winning his first against Antonio Piccardi, of Italy, Hamed, 20, has been ordered by the European Boxing Union to meet the former champion, Johnny Bredhal, of Denmark, in a bout likely to take place early in 1995. A November 20 deadline has been set for negotiations. Bredhal, 26, held the title in 1992 before becoming the World Boxing Organisation super-flyweight champion.

Torquay pair prosper

BOWLS: Twenty-four hours after winning the triples, Ted Collins and John Evans, of Torquay, advanced to the last 16 of the Sanatogen EBA pairs championship at Worthing yesterday. They defeated Gary Smith and Andy Thomson, the Commonwealth Games bronze medal-winners, 27-9, and Colin Thresher and Fred Purkiss, of Woolston, Hampshire, 27-14. Smith and Thomson, champions in 1992 and runners-up last year, were outplayed, with Collins leading well and Evans in confident all-round form.

Fourth Frenchman signs

RUGBY LEAGUE: Frederic Banquet, the France Under-21 wing, has signed for Featherstone Rovers on a two-year contract after an impressive trial period. He joins his compatriot, Daniel Divet, at Post Office Road, and is one of four senior French players now playing in the Stones Bitter Championship first division. Clubs in France are demanding action from the International Rugby League Board to curb the exodus. Carcassonne has protested that Divet transferred to Featherstone without its prior agreement.

Italy suspends Bugno

CYCLING: Gianni Bugno, 30, from Italy, the former world champion, was yesterday suspended for two years by the Italian federation after testing positive for use of caffeine, a banned substance. Bugno, winner of two world championship road races, failed a drugs test after the Agostoni Cup race in Italy last month. Analysis of a B sample last Friday confirmed the test was positive. Bugno was also fined $2,300 and had 50 points docked from his total in the International Cycling Union rankings.

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BOWLS

WORTHING: Sanatogen English Bowling Association national championships: Triples Semi-finals: Reading (M Newman) bt Hatfield (R Mercer) 19-10; Torquay (D Denson) bt High Wycombe (G Grace) 22-18. Final: Torquay bt Reading 15-12. County top four competition: Semi-finals: Lincolnshire bt Northamptonshire 24-12, Worcestershire bt Middlesex 23-19. Final: Lincolnshire bt Worcestershire 20-15. Fours: Preliminary round: Bolton bt Bridport 27-15, Nottingham *Civil Service bt Wellingborough* 23-22; Isleham bt Bulmer Hereford 20-19; Kingsthorpe bt Downton 23-19; Cutler Hammer Europe bt GB Briton 24-8. First round: Wantage bt South Derbyshire Miners Welfare 21-20; Croydon Gas bt Wigton 21-11. Pairs: First round: A Theobald and D Webb (Gateshead) bt G Moon and R Macpherson (Banbury Borough) 19-9; D Colbourne and K Mitchell (Bolton) bt B Taylor and N Perkins (Old Colfeians) 24-8, R Richardson and S Last (Portland) bt J Keighley and J Hills (Sandy Conservatives) 31-7; J Fuller and M Hughes (Syston) bt M Mumford and R Hawkins (Nottingham CS) 24-15, V Rule and D Coopey (Barbourne) bt S Riggs and J Preston (Molcombe Gardens) 20-19; P White and R Jeffery (Shanklin) bt G Beeby and H Stott (Buckden) 32-16. D and R Morgan (Boscombe Cliff) bt B Pope and J Walker (Isleham) 24-13; M Caslin and B Vickers (Chandos Park Bucks) bt N Cummings and R Graham (Marsley) 28-13; J Hay and J Simmons (Garston) bt R B James and A R Smith (Cambourne) 27-13, P Pearman and A Wyatt (Marlborough, Ipswich) bt J Oates and T Cole (Harlow) 20-13, T Perkins and I Middlemast (Bath) bt S Remington and A Moore (Spencer: Melksham) 24-13; M Long and D Ward (North Walsham) bt R Bancroft and J Farrall (Poplar) 25-9; B Buttler and D Caldwell (Stratford-upon-Avon) bt R Johnson and J Wickham (Totnes) 18-17; B Deane and K Jasoman (Homcastle) bt H Granger and E Gleed (Frampton on Severn) 16-15, P Furness and C Thresher (Woolston and District) bt D Bartle and M Oldnall (Brintons; Worcs) 21-18; E Collins and J Evans (Torquay) bt G Smith and A E Thomson (Blackheath and Greenwich) 27-9; C Beecher and A Longfield (Selby) bt D Blackmore and A McGuinness (Whitehaven; Cumbria) 16-15; R and D Thompson (Cutler Hammer Europa; Bedfordshire) bt D Blewett and M Owen (Nuneaton Sports) 22-11; K Wood and M Bennett (Ponteland) bt R Quinson and R Pearson (Rosedale, Herts) 22-20; E Cavenagh and W Hamson (South London) bt W Jackson and A Hall (Lincoln St Giles) 25-14, P Fordham and K Kent (Cambridge and County) bt R Jones and I Williams (Leominster) 22-5, S Pryor and S Cooke (Ryde Marina) bt I Ward and M Royal (Rookery; Suffolk) 17-16, A Trebilcock *and P Rowe (Chacewater)* bt A Spencer and M Sharpe (Kings Thorpe) 32-7; J Weston and P Barker (Didcot) bt M Roe and I Griffin (Long Eaton Town) 23-12; G and A Irons (Knighton Victoria) bt S Ellis and A Farrow (North Walsham) 21-10; H Barker and J Thompson (Saltburn) bt J Bunyan and S Colbourne and D Sharpe (Banbury Borough) 21-18; B Rawlins and P Barham (Aveley; Essex) bt R Taylor and M Tomberry (Poole Park) 19-18; A Bull and P Butler (Southbourne) bt G Green and S Smith (Wolvey; Warwickshire) 22-10; B Morley and P Goulding (GPT; Notts) bt A Gough and M Colbert (Chandos Park Bucks) 28-18, M Coles and I Danford (Bristol) bt D Hiton and I Keen (Peterborough West Ward) 27-5. Under-25 double tours championship: Semi-finals: Northamptonshire bt Berkshire 39-30. Rink scores (Northants skips first): T Harris 17 R Perkin 18; N Corbyn 22, J Standing 12. Durham bt Wiltshire 41-30. Rink scores (Cumbria skips first): S Farish 23 G Shadwell 14, S Airey 18 K Cousins 16. Final: Cumbria bt Northants 37-36. Rink scores (Cumbria skips first): Farish 14 Harris 21; Airey 23 Corbyn 16

CYCLING

ROAD RACES: Welsh open championship (Milford Haven, 100m): 1, J Tanner (Choice Accountancy) 4hr 17min 48sec; 2, M Harrison (Congleton CC) at 22sec; 3, N Hoban (Foremost-Kammor) same time. British professional circuit championship (Milford Haven, 68mi): 1, N Hoban (Foremost-kammor) 1.26.27; 2, D Rayner (Lax-Townsend) at 1sec; 3, B Burns (Aire Valley Sports) at 25sec. Tour of the Mendips (65m): S Dring (Worcester St John's CC) 2:53:45. Peter Fryer Trophy (Stourport, Worcestershire, 68 miles): D Nie (Twickenham CC) 2:52:40. TIME-TRIALS: North Midlands CF (100m): K Dawson (Optimum Performance Bicycles) 3:43:33 (event record). Team: VC Chesterfield, 12:28:21. Deeside Thistle (Aberdeen, 100m): P Duncan (Aberdeen Multisports) 4:03:56. Team: Deeside Thistle, 13:07:28. Clifton CC (York, 50mi): P Anderson (Warwick Univ CC) 1:49:38. Team: Lancashire RC, 5:47:38. Cheshire RC (Ryde Marsh) bt I Ward and M Royal (Rookery; Suffolk) 17-16, A Trebilcock *and P Rowe (Chacewater)* bt A Spencer and M Sharpe (Kings Thorpe) 32-7; J Weston and P Barker (Didcot) bt M Roe and I Griffin (Long Eaton Town) 23-12; G and A Irons (Knighton Victoria) bt S Ellis and A Farrow (North Walsham) 21-10; H Barker and J Thompson (Saltburn) bt J Bunyan and S Colbourne and D Sharpe (Banbury Borough) 21-18; B Rawlins and P Barham (Aveley; Essex) bt R Taylor and M Tomberry (Poole Park) 19-18; A Bull and P Butler (Southbourne) bt G Green and S Smith (Wolvey; Warwickshire) 22-10; B Morley and P Goulding (GPT; Notts) bt A Gough and M Colbert (Chandos Park Bucks) 28-18, M Coles and I Danford (Bristol) bt D Hiton and I Keen (Peterborough West Ward) 27-5. Under-25 double tours championship: Semi-finals: Northamptonshire bt Berkshire 39-30. Rink scores (Northants skips first): T Harris 17 R Perkin 18; N Corbyn 22, J Standing 12. Durham bt Wiltshire 41-30. Rink scores (Cumbria skips first): S Farish 23 G Shadwell 14, S Airey 18 K Cousins 16. Final: Cumbria bt Northants 37-36. Rink scores (Cumbria skips first): Farish 14 Harris 21; Airey 23 Corbyn 16

POOLS FORECAST

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

Saturday September 10 unless stated

FA PREMIERSHIP

1 Aston Villa v Ipswich	X
2 Blackburn v Everton	1
3 Liverpool v West Ham	1
4 Man City v C Palace	1
5 Newcastle v Chelsea	1
6 Norwich v Arsenal	X
7 Nottm F v Shefi Wed	1
8 QPR v Coventry	1
9 Wimbledon v Leicester	X

Not on coupons: Leeds v Manchester United (Sunday), Tottenham v Southampton (Monday)

FIRST DIVISION

10 Barnsley v Watford	2
11 Bristol C v Notts Co	1
12 Grimsby v Charlton	2
13 Luton v Burnley	1
14 Millwall v West Brom	1
15 Oldham v Reading	2
16 Portsmth v Port Vale	1
17 Shefi Utd v Bolton	X
18 Wolves v Tranmere	1

Not on coupons: Middlesbrough v Sunderland (Sunday), Stoke v Southend; Swindon v Derby (Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION

19 Blackpool v Cardiff	1
20 Chester v Brighton	2
21 Leyton O v Cambridge	2
22 Peterboro v Hull	1
23 Plymouth v Huddersfield	X
24 Rotherham v Bristol R	X
25 Stockp't v Bourn'm'th	1
26 Swansea v Bradford	2
27 Wrexham v Crewe	1
28 Wycombe v Brentford	X
29 York v Shrewsbury	1

Not on coupons: Oxford v Birmingham

THIRD DIVISION

30 Barnet v Doncaster	1
31 Bury v Scunthorpe	2
32 Carlisle v Exeter	1
33 Chesterfield v Walsall	X
34 Colchester v Hartlep't	1
35 Darlington v Torquay	2
36 Fulham v Preston	2
37 Gillingham v Scarboro	X
38 Hereford v Wigan	1
39 Lincoln v Mansfield	X
40 North'pton v Rochdale	1

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

41 Alb'cham v Kid'rmstr	X
42 Halifax v Farnboro	1
43 Woking v Stafford	1
44 Yeovil v Runcorn	1

SCOTTISH PREMIER

45 Dundee U v M'well	1
46 Hibernian v Aberdeen	1
47 Kilmarnock v Falkirk	X
48 Partick v Celtic	2
49 Rangers v Hearts	V

SCOTTISH FIRST

50 Airdrie v Ayr	1
51 Clydebank v Dundee	2
52 Dumf'mline v Hamilton	2
53 St Johnst'n v St Mirren	X
54 Stranraer v Raith	2

SCOTTISH SECOND

55 Berwick v Dumbarton	1
56 East Fife v Clyde	1
57 G Morton v Brechin	1
58 Meadowb'k v Q of Sth	1

Not on coupons: Stenhousemuir v Stirling

SCOTTISH THIRD

Not on coupons: Alloa v Arbroath Caledonian v Forfar; East Stirling v Albion, Montrose v Ross, Queens Park v Cowdenbeath

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GOLF

MILWAUKEE: Men's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 268: M Springer 69, 67, 66, 67. 269: L Roberts 70, 63, 66, 68. 270: T Purtzer 70, 68, 67, 64; J Sindelar 67, 68, 66, 69; B Estes 67, 68, 65, 72; M Calcavecchia 67, 68, 64, 71. 271: *M Dawson 68, 66, 69, 68*; D Barr 69, 64, 70, 68. Other score: 277: D Faherty (N Ire) 69, 67, 70, 71.

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois: Women's tournament: Second round (US unless stated): 131: L Davies (GB) 65, 66. 136: S Strudwick (GB) 69, 66; K Shipman 68, 67. 138: L Merten 70,68; G Graham 70, 68; B Mucha 67, 69; V Skinner 66, 70; S Farwig 66, 70; K Albers 68, 70. 139: P Jordan 69, 68; C Johnson 68, 71.

KENMORE: Washington: Senkow tournament (US unless stated): 205: S Hobday 70, 69, 70 (won at third extra hole); J Albus 66, 75, 68; L Lacresti 72, 70, 69. 211: A Jackin (GB) 67, 73, 71; J Sigel 72, 68, 71; D Stockton 74, 71, 67.

SWIMMING

ROME: World championships

DIVING: Men: Mem: 3m springboard: Final: 1, Yu Zhuocheng (China) 665.44pts; 2, D Saulin (Rus) 646.59; 3, Wang Tianling (China) 636.22; 4, M Bradshaw (US) 616.62; 5, J Hamond (Ger) 614.82; 6, F Peters (Mex) 615.69. Women: 3m springboard: Preliminary round: 1, Tan Shuqing (China) 304.65; 2, K Delion (US) 291.57; 3, Y Pelshina (Russ) 286.57; 4, C Bockner (Ger) 284.37; 5, J Cruz (Sp) 280.65; 6, S Aleksseva (Belo) 278.70; 7, E Zhupina (Ust) 278.13; 8, V Ilyina (Russ) 278.03; 9, Y Motoyuki (Japan) 272.13; 10, P Gordon (Can) 272.10; equal 12, A Pelletier (Can) and S Koch (Germany) 271.05 British non-qualifier: 16, O Clark 257.00

SWIMMING: Men: 100m breaststroke: Qualifiers for final: Heat 6: 1, V Ivanov (Russ) 1min 2.38sec; 2, S Van Neerden (US) 1:02.70. Heat 6: 1, A Hayashi (Japan) 1:02.01; 2, Karoly Gutter (Hun) 1:02.09. Heat 7: 1, N Rossa (Hun) 1:02.08; 2, E Wunderlich (US) 1:02.59; 3, P Rogers (Aus) 1:02.43; 4, F Delvaux-Ingrawa (Bel) 1:02.58. British non-qualifier: Heat 6: 3, N Gillingham 1:03.02.

200m freestyle: Qualifiers for final: Heat 6: 1, S Zesner (Ger) 1min 50.40sec. Heat 7: 1, D Loader (NZ) 1:49.24; 2, C Carvin (US) 1:50.10. Heat 8: 1, A Holmertz (Swe) 1:48.95; 2, A Kosvio (Fin) 1:48.96; 3, R Tchegolev (Russ) 1:49.35; 4, T Bray (NZ) 1:49.55; 5, A Czene (Hun) 1:50.27.

Women: 100m freestyle: Qualifiers for final: Heat five: 1, A Myers Marino (US) 58.15sec. Heat 6: 1, Le Jingyi (China) 55.39; 2, M Jacobsen (Can) 55.72; 3, Fwen Almsick (Ger) 55.96; 4, Karen Pickering (GB) 56.27. Heat 7: 1, Lu Bin (China) 55.54; 2, Jenny Thompson (US) 55.56; 3, S Chiba (Japan) 56.25. British non-qualifier: Heat 5: 7, S Rolph 57.47.

400m individual medley: Qualifiers for final: Heat 2: 1, H Lewis (Aus) 4min 48.70sec; 2, N Sweetman (Can) 4:49.32. Heat 3: 1, A Wagner (US) 4:45.28; 2, J Meagher (Can) 4:49.35. Heat 4: 1, K Quance (US) 4:45.82; 2, Dai Guohong (China) 4:45.21; 3, H Cerne (Cz) 4:47.97; 4, H Hiraneka (Japan) 4:49.55.

4 x 200 metres freestyle relay: Qualifiers for final: Heat 1: 1, United States 8min 10.74sec; 2, Australia 8:12.44; 3, Canada 8:18.35. Heat 2: 1, China 8.06.32; 2, Germany 8:08.70; 3, Romania 8:25.68; 4, Italy 8:26.45; 5, Taiwan 8:37.10.

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING: Solo: Preliminary round: 1, O Sedakova (Russ) 99.920pts; 2, B Dyroen Lanoe (US) 99.880; 3, F Oliuno (Japan) 98.720; 4, L Alexander (Can) 98.000; 5, M Aeschbacher (Fr) 95.840; 6, G Burlando (It) 95.720; 7, M-E Gusti (Ger) 95.440; 8, S Cardenas (Mex) 94.360; 9, Pan Yan (China) 93.000; 10, K Sheldrick (Belo) 92.640; 11, T Simard (Hol) 92.440; 12, Jeong-Yun Choi (S Kor) 91.820.

WATER POLO: Preliminary round: Men: Group C: Greece 7 Cuba 8. Group D: Italy 9 Canada 2. Women: Group A: Holland 9 Canada 5; Hungary 7 Brazil 3. Group B: United States 14 New Zealand 5; Australia 12 Kazakhstan 4.

FOOTBALL

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Boca Juniors 1 Banfield 2; Huracan 3 Mandiyu de Corrientes 1; Platense 1 Deportivo Español 1, Talleres 2 Newell's Old Boys 2; Racing Club 0 Penarol Oeste 1; Argentinos Juniors 0 Independiente 2; Rosario Central 1 Belgrano de Cordoba 0; Velez Sarsfield 2 Gimnasia y Esgrima Jujuy 0; River Plate 1 Lanus 1; Gimnasia y Esgrima La Plata 0 San Lorenzo Almagro 0.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Group A: Corinthians 1 Flamengo 0; Gremio 1 Sport Recife 1.

Group B: Botafogo 5 Payseandu 2; Portuguese 0 São Paulo 0; Vitoria 1 Atletico Mineiro 1. Group C: Cruzeiro 2 Bahia 1; Remo 0 Vasco da Gama 1; Santos 1 Gramani Mallenda CF 1. Group D: Fluminense 1 Palmeiras 1; Parana 2 Uniao São Joao 1

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Festival
Semi-final
Durham v Lancashire

SCARBOROUGH (Lancashire won toss): Durham beat Lancashire by three wickets

LANCASHIRE

M A Atherton b Cummins	22
S P Titchard c Saside b Graveney	36
N J Speak c Longley b Graveney	11
N H Fairbrother b Walker	60
G D Lloyd not out	47
*M Watkinson c Scott b Walker	26
I D Austin c Morris b Cummins	1
G Yates b Cummins	4
P J Martin not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 5, nb 8)	21
Total (7 wkts, 60 overs)	234

†J Stanworth and N A Derbyshire did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-78, 3-83, 4-183, 5-218, 6-225, 7-229.

BOWLING: Walker 10-0-58-2; Cummins 10-0-47-3; Saside 10-0-55-0; Searle 10-0-27-0; Graveney 10-1-39-2.

DURHAM

J I Longley c Stanworth b Yates	28
W Larkins b Derbyshire	5
S Hutton c Fairbrother b Yates	17
J A Daley st Stanworth b Yates	3
J E Morris c Titchard b Speak	124
*P Bainbridge c Fairbrother b Yates	26
A C Cummins b Yates	0
†C W Scott not out	10
A Walker not out	4
Extras (lb 8, w 4, nb 8)	20
Total (7 wkts, 48.3 overs)	237

J P Searle and D A Graveney did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-53, 3-58, 4-66, 5-195, 6-197, 7-233.

BOWLING: Derbyshire 10-0-62-1; Martin 9-0-33-0; Yates 10-4-28-5; Watkinson 10-1-60-0; Austin 8-0-40-0; Atherton 1-0-2-0; Speak 0.3-0-4-1.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and B Leadbeater.

One-day international
Sri Lanka v India

COLOMBO: *Sri Lanka beat India by seven wickets*

INDIA

M Prabhaker c Jayasuriya b Wickremasinghe	14
S R Tendulkar c Dharmasena b Wickramasinghe	6
N S Sidhu c Mahanama b Jayasuriya	17
**M A Azharuddin c Chandana b Dharmasena	25
V G Kambli not out	30
A Bedade b Wickramasinghe	21
K Dev not out	1
Extras (b 3, lb 7, w 1)	11
Total (5 wkts, 25 overs)	125

†N Mongia, J Srinath, A Kumble and R Chauhan did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-23, 3-55, 4-87, 5-122

BOWLING: Wickramasinghe 5-0-28-3, Vaas 4-0-20-0, Dharmasena 5-0-22-1, Ranatunga 2-0-11-0, Jayasuriya 5-0-17-1, Kalpage 4-0-17-0.

SRI LANKA

R Mahanama not out	80
S Jayasuriya run out	3
A de Silva c Mongia b Kumble	14
*A Ranatunga run out	41
R Kalpage not out	3
Extras (lb 12, w 2, nb 1)	15
Total (3 wkts, 24.2 overs)	126

H Tillakaratne, U Chandana, †P Dassanayake, K Dharmasena, C Vaas and P Wickramasinghe did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-31, 3-119.

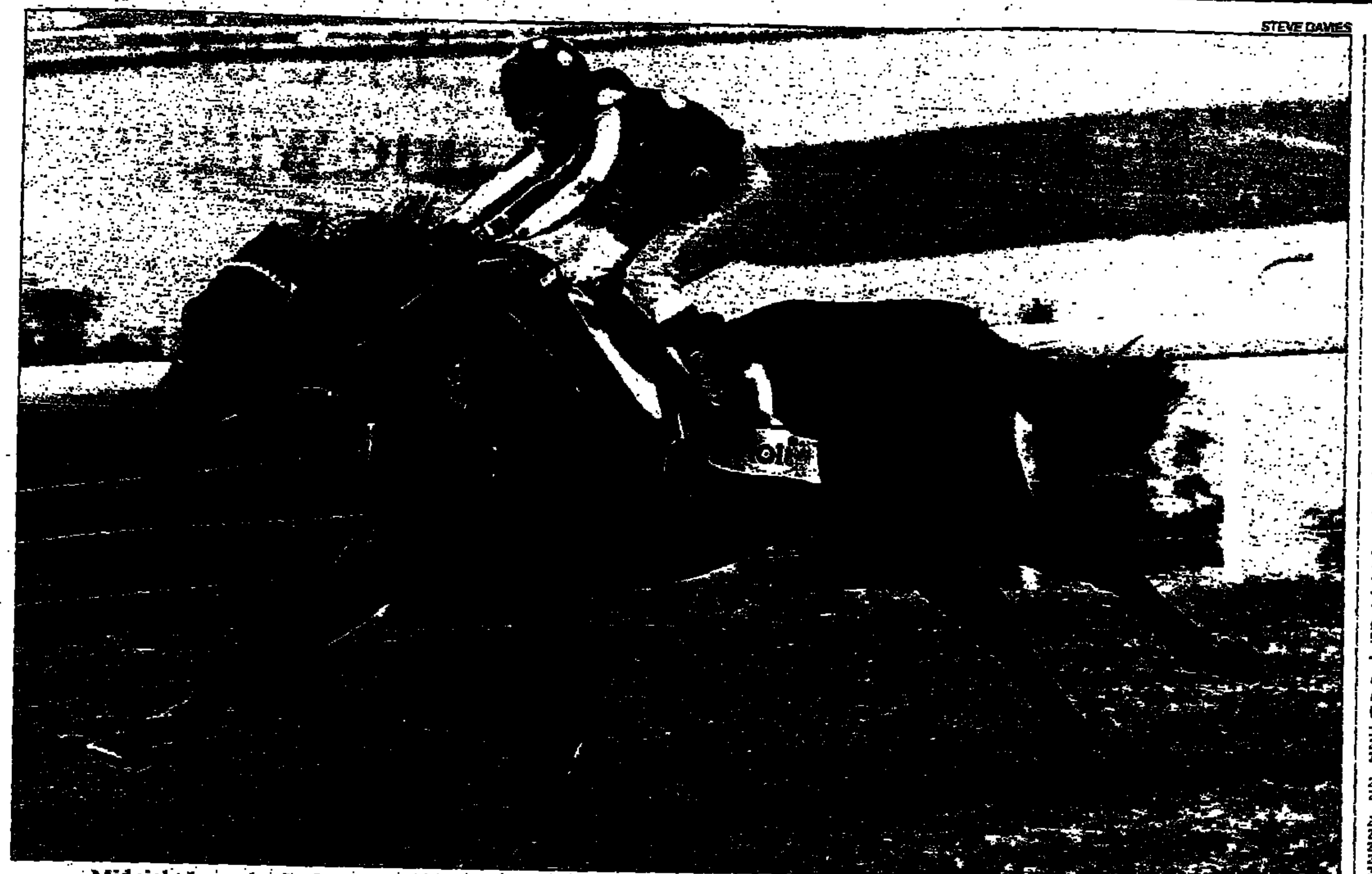
BOWLING: Prabhaker 4.2-0-17-0; Srinath 5-0-21-0; Kumble 5-0-17-1, Tendulkar 4-0-21-0; Kapil Dev 2-0-15-0; Chauhan 4-0-23-0.

Umpires: K T Francis (Sri Lanka) and B Aldridge (New Zealand).

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STEVE DAVIES



Midnight Legend, winning at Goodwood, is one of 11 horses declared for the Teleconnection St Leger at Doncaster on Saturday

Improving trio hold classic key

By Julian Muscat

IT has been a long, hard season. Demands on the limbs of young thoroughbreds have been exacerbated by a dry summer, and the road to the season's final classic, the St Leger at Doncaster on Saturday, has taken its toll.

With Erhaab an early casualty and Colonel Collins now racing in North America, the Derby form as a pointer to this, the oldest of all classics, rests with Ionio, Party Season and Broadway Flyer, who came home in eleventh, fifteenth and 21st places respectively. The three were among eleven horses declared yesterday for the St Leger.

Doubts surround the participation of up to five entries; there may yet be as small a field as when User Friendly humbled her six opponents two years ago.

Nevertheless, what makes this year's St Leger a particularly fascinating race is the presence of an alternative trio of colts to have established parallel form lines earlier in the season. For instance, on May 9, only weeks before Erhaab landed the Derby, Sacrament mastered Red Route by little over a length in a maiden race at Redcar. And on June 16, Midnight Legend forged away from the aforementioned Red Route to land a Royal Ascot handicap.

The key to the race lies in the level of improvement made by each of this triumverate. For Red Route and Sacrament have since graduated successfully to group company. And Midnight Legend, after shaming the handicapper at Goodwood, returned there to win the listed March Stakes. It was the same race used by his trainer, Luca Cumani, to sharpen Commanche Run before that colt annexed the St Leger ten years ago.

The three colts have dominated betting exchanges for some time. Ladbrokes price Red Route at 9-4, Midnight Legend at 3-1 and Sacrament at 7-2. The latter, winner of the Great Voltigeur Stakes last time out, has been well supported in recent days. He has a narrow advantage over Ionio, whom he inched out at York, but Mark Johnston is convinced that his challenger, Double Trigger, has the beating of them all.

Johnston saddled Double Trigger to finish a close fifth in the Voltigeur, which represents the injury-plagued colt's solitary outing this term. But he returned home with a sore shin and has since struggled to regain full fitness. Consequently, the Middleham-based trainer added a proviso to his optimism yesterday.

"If he is beaten, it will be because of his physical condition as opposed to his ability," Johnston said of his 9-1 shot. "His York run confirmed to us that he is easily up to it. That is not a concern, but I would like to get another gallop into him before Saturday."

Johnston has also declared Pearl Kite for the St Leger, but this filly has a preferred engagement in the Park Hill Stakes tomorrow. Other possible classic defectors include a second Park Hill candidate in Wind In Her Hair. Meanwhile, Moonax and Party Season have options in the less demanding Troy Stakes, while Tikkanen, trained in France, may wait for a race in Italy.

Double Trigger has pounded the gallops only once since that seasonal debut three weeks ago. Reports of the exercise were uncomplimentary: the brittle colt failed to deal with Quick Ransom, a stalwart of the stable with whom the trainer has really excelled this term. But Johnston insisted his would-be supporters should not desert the three-year-old now.

He said: "Quick Ransom worked with Mister Baileys before the 2,000 Guineas and on no occasion did the younger horse beat him. I was not disappointed with Double Trigger at all; it was perfectly good work except that he came back sore — but on the other shin this time."

Whatever Double Trigger's fate, Johnston will remember the 1994 season with a particular vividness. So far this year he has saddled his first classic winner and climbed to a best-ever placing — sixth — in the trainers' ranks.

And as chance would have it, the handful of horses he trains for Shaikh Mohammed have enjoyed reassuringly successful campaigns. The portents for the future could hardly be more favourable.

TELECONNECTION ST LEGER STAKES (Group I: £147,804: 3-Y-O colts and fillies: 1m 6f 132yd) (11 declared)

Broadway Flyer (Trained by J Hills), Double Trigger (M Johnston), Ionio (C Brittain), Midnight Legend (L Cumani), Moonax (B Hills), Party Season (C Cyzer), Pearl Kite (M Johnston), Red Route (H Cecil), Sacrament (M Stoute), Tikkanen (J Pease, Fr), Wind In Her Hair (J Hills).

BETTING: William Hill: 9-4 Red Route, 7-2 Midnight Legend, Sacrament, 8-1 Broadway Flyer, 9-1 Double Trigger, 14-1 Ionio, 20-1 Tikkanen, 25-1 Pearl Kite, 40-1 Moonax.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Flick. 2.30 Lady Tumbleweed. 3.00 Mister O'Grady. 3.30 Extra Time. 4.00 Fattash. 4.30 Cuckooland. 5.00 Tortuga. 5.30 Knobbleeneeze.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.00 TORTUGA.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.00 Tortuga.

GOING: GOOD (TURF); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER)
DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 EBF NUTFIELD MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,739: 7f) (16 runners)

AIRSTOP R Akehurst 9-0 D Harrison –
BURY THE HATCHET M Tompkins 9-0 P Robinson –
4 DARK MENACE 19 S Mellor 9-0 T Sprake 93
02 FLICK 11 D Morley 9-0 R Hills [top]
HIGH PATRIARCH J Dunlop 9-0 G Carter –
LEGITIMATE C Laider 9-0 L Dettori –
POINTER P Cole 9-0 C Rutter –
SCHARNHORST S Dow 9-0 J Weaver –
SHY PADDY K Cunningham-Brown 9-0 R Cochrane –
0 STATE LAW 19 G Harwood 9-0 A Clark 91
04 STICKS AND STONES 48 Mrs J Cecil 9-0 Paul Eddery 92
33 TONKA 74 (BF) G Murray Smith 9-0 A Mackay 86
0 VIN ST KOOLA 24 H Collingridge 9-0 J Quinn 74
0 BAFOOZ 19 A Stewart 8-9 S Whitworth –
0 BROWN EYED GIRL 11 R Hannon 8-9 R Perham 90
ESTRELA CASTANHA R Flower 8-9 F Norton –

6-4 Legitimate, 3-1 Flick, 7-1 Pointer, Brown Eyed Girl, 8-1 High Patriarch, 10-1 Sticks And Stones, 12-1 Dark Menace, 14-1 others.

2.30 LEVY BOARD NURSERY HANDICAP
(All-weather: 2-Y-O: £3,054: 1m) (12)

201 (11) 5421 TREMBLING 17 (6) P Cole 9-7 C Rutter [top]
202 (9) 2535 LOCHBROOM COMMANDO 15 G Lewis 9-6 Paul Eddery 87
203 (3) 3350 STAR FIGHTER 32 (B) W O'Gorman 9-5 Emma O'Gorman (3) 80
204 (12) 5200 SARACEN PRINCE 48 P Kelleway 9-1 R Cochrane 61
205 (4) 063 ROWLANDSONS SILVER 12 (BF) D Murray Smith 9-0 J Weaver 83
206 (6) 5232 INTERLINK 10 R Hannon 9-0 L Dettori 83
207 (5) 000 SWEET ALZAO 62 M Bell 8-8 R Hills 83
208 (1) 300 COURBARIL 27 (E) S Dow 8-5 G Carter 90
209 (7) 3644 GUEST ALLIANCE 13 A Moore 8-3 Candy Morris 88
210 (10) 3042 LADY TUMBLEWEED 13 B Meehan 8-1 J Quinn 89
211 (1) 003 SHARP MOVE 29 M Tompkins 8-0 P Robinson 95
212 (2) 2355 GREEN GREEN RUBY 17 G L Moore 7-12 D Harrison 91

7-2 Trembling, 6-1 Lochbroom Commando, Lady Tumbleweed, 7-1 Interlink, 8-1 Rowlandsons Silver, Sweet Alzao, 10-1 Guest Alliance, 12-1 others.

3.00 HARRIER SELLING HANDICAP
(All-weather: £2,630: 1m 2f) (14)

301 (12) 0153 BREAKDANCER 28 (C,D,BF,F,G) W Muir 5-10-0 J Weaver 87
302 (9) 3516 KENTAVRUS WAY 33 (CD,G) A Moore 3-9-13 Candy Morris 84
303 (6) 0213 DON'T FORSAKE ME 8 (D,BF,F,G) C Egerton 5-9-13 C Rutter 90
304 (8) 0-40 WYNONA 12 (G) G Bravery 4-9-12 L Dettori 92
305 (6) 5254 SLEEPTITE 67 C Dwyer 4-9-10 J D Smith (5) 90
306 (2) 0350 SMART DAISY 20 (V,CD,G) Mrs L Jewell 4-9-4 J Williams 88
307 (13) 3343 CLASSY 8 (G) B Hills 3-9-3 R Hills 94
308 (1) 5132 MISTER O'GRADY 8 (V,CD,BF,G) G L Moore 3-9-2 B Rouse [top]
309 (4) 3202 PRISCILLA ROSE 40 C Allen 3-9-2 E Guest 93
310 (11) 1404 FABULOUS PRINCESS 13J (D,F) C Popham 3-8-12 P McCabe 97
311 (5) 5304 ROCKSTINE 8 P Mitchell 3-8-11 G Bardwell 94
312 (7) 0633 KATHY FAIR 3 R Baker 5-8-9 S Raymont 97
313 (10) 0004 MODESTO 31 (CD,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 6-8-8 S Whitworth 94
314 (14) 0000 MALINGERER 8 D Wilson 3-8-6 J Quinn –

4-1 Classy, 5-1 Priscilla Rose, 6-1 Mister O'Grady, 8-1 Don't Forsake Me, 10-1 Sleeptite, Breakdancer, 12-1 others.

3.30 MARSH GREEN MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,606: 1m 3f 106yd) (16)

401 (11) 0 ATOURS 132 D Elsworth 6-9-7 J Williams 86
402 (13) GILDAN P Butler 4-9-7 R Cochrane –
403 (7) 0-4 FAIRLEAD 8 K McAuliffe 4-9-2 J Weaver 85
404 (3) 80 JUBILEE LINE 27 D Arbuthnot 4-9-2 W Woods 68
405 (6) 22 CHIMBORAZO 77 (BF) R Charlton 3-8-12 T Sprake [top]
406 (15) 0 KINDAKOOLA 27 H Collingridge 3-8-12 J Quinn –
407 (12) 450 PROFESSION 87 G Enright 3-8-12 M Perrett 81
408 (1) 3303 RIPARIUS 7 (B) H Candy 3-8-12 W Newnes 96
409 (2) 04 SUPERLUMINAL 17 G Harwood 3-8-12 R Price 83
410 (10) VAUXALL GARDENS G Wragg 3-8-12 F Norton –
411 (5) 5 DEERLET 17 J Gosden 3-8-7 L Dettori 87
412 (9) 2023 EXTRA TIME 12 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-7 D Harrison 97
413 (14) -300 REGAL PURSUIT 27 (B) C Horgan 3-8-7 T Williams 90
414 (8) 06 SATIN STARLET 12 C Wildman 3-8-7 N Adams –
415 (16) 0 THE LEAF SWEEPER 22 M Bolton 3-8-7 C Rutter –
416 (4) 0 WAR O' THE ROSES 17 (B) J Akehurst 3-8-7 P Robinson 73

6-4 Chimborazo, 5-1 Vauxall Gardens, 7-1 Riparius, 8-1 Extra Time, Fairlead, 10-1 Superluminal, Profession, 12-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: There are no horses blinkered for the first time today.

4.00 EBF NUTFIELD MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,739: 7f) (16)

501 (4) 330 AT LIBERTY 24 R Hannon 9-0 R Perham 71
502 (9) BRAYDON FOREST C Drewe 9-0 D Harrison –
503 (6) ETOILE DU NORD P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 W Newnes –
504 (15) 5 FATTASH 19 C Benstead 9-0 B Rouse 77
505 (7) FAUSTINO P Cole 9-0 P Robinson –
506 (5) JUST BY CHANCE R Baker 9-0 S Raymont –
507 (6) LITTLE SHEFFORD D French Davis 9-0 N Adams –
508 (16) 0 MOST WELCOME NEWS 11 J Jenkins 9-0 S Whitworth –
509 (10) 0 NEW MAN 19 J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori 75
510 (13) ORCHIDARMA R Williams 9-0 R Cochrane –
511 (8) PRINCE OF SPADES C Cyzer 9-0 A Clark –
512 (2) RIYADIAN P Cole 9-0 C Rutter –
513 (14) ROCK OYSTER B Meehan 9-0 J Weaver –
514 (11) TAJAR D Morley 9-0 R Hills –
515 (12) 5 ALFAASELAH 11 M Stoute 8-9 W Woods [top]
516 (1) TEMPENNY G Rimmer 8-9 R Price –

6-4 New Man, 5-2 Etoile Du Nord, 4-1 Alfaaselah, 7-1 Riyadian, Faustino, 10-1 Fattash, At Liberty, 12-1 others.

4.30 GODSTONE RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,986: 6f) (9)

601 (6) 0600 ARNIE 4 M Dixon 9-0 A Clark 76
602 (4) 342 DENBRAE 10 D Murray Smith 9-0 S Whitworth 92
603 (2) 2230 GO HEVER GOLF 10 T Naughton 9-0 J Weaver [top]
604 (7) 0040 HARRY'S BIRTHDAY 11 M Madgwick 9-0 C Avery –
605 (8) 0632 MENTAR 20 Mrs C Kelleway 9-0 R Cochrane 55
606 (5) 3500 NAUTICAL JEWEL 24 M Usher 9-0 R Price 86
607 (9) 0306 SOUTHERN DOMINION 59 W G M Turner 9-0 T Sprake 90
608 (1) 030 TOP FELLA 24 W O'Gorman 9-0 Emma O'Gorman (3) 86
609 (3) 064 CUCKOOLAND 14 R Hannon 8-9 L Dettori 84

5-2 Mentar, 11-4 Denbrae, 9-2 Go Hever Golf, 7-1 Cuckooland, 8-1 Nautical Jewel, 10-1 Harry's Birthday, Southern Dominion, 12-1 others.

5.00 HARTFIELD MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,633: 7f) (9)

1 (9) 0-00 CLANCY'S EXPRESS 48 G Balding 3-9-0 J Williams –
2 (3) 5- SPANISH STRIPPER 372 J Toller 3-9-0 J Weaver 70
3 (7) 0 THATCHMASTER 38 C Horgan 3-9-0 T Williams –
4 (4) 44-2 TORTUGA 29 J Gosden 3-9-0 L Dettori [top]
5 (6) 04 LEGENDARY LEAP 29 Lord Huntingdon 4-8-12 D Harrison 86
6 (8) GAIETE B Meehan 3-8-9 W Newnes –
7 (2) 000 JOINT EFFORT 59 A Moore 3-8-9 J Quinn 72
8 (5) 6 MISTRESS GWYN 17 M Stoute 3-8-9 W Woods 84
9 (1) 3 SABELLA 8 G Lewis 3-8-9 Paul Eddery 88

6-4 Tortuga, 5-2 Mistress Gwyn, Legendary Leap, 5-1 Sabella, 10-1 Spanish Stripper, 16-1 Clancy's Express, Gaiete, 20-1 others.

5.30 BLINDLEY HEATH HANDICAP
(£4,140: 7f) (16)

1 (14) 0005 BALLASECRET 10 (C,F,G,S) R Dickin 6-10-0 D Meredith (5) 94
2 (15) 3505 NORTHERN CELADON 70 (CD,S) M Jarvis 3-9-8 K Rutter (3) 86
3 (9) 0600 CAZZUTO 19 (D,G,S) J Dunlop 3-9-6 G Carter 97
4 (12) 2342 KNOBBLEENEEZE 24 (V,CD,F,G,S) M Channon 4-9-5 R Painter (5) 96
5 (11) 6065 JIGSAW BOY 59 (F,S) P Murphy 5-9-3 J Williams 95
6 (8) 0610 SOAKING 19 (CD,F) G L Moore 4-9-2 B Rouse 94
7 (6) 3443 TOP PET 14 (D,F) R Akehurst 4-9-2 A Clark 96
8 (5) 6303 ARNDILLY 10 (BF,G) B Meehan 3-9-1 J Weaver 98
9 (13) 2001 THE MULTIYORKER 10 (D,F,G) M Tompkins 3-9-1 P Robinson 57
10 (16) 4622 TRINITY HALL 68 (BF,S) C Horgan 4-6-13 W Woods 93
11 (3) 1165 MILOS 12 (CD,F,G) T Naughton 3-8-9 R Hills 95
12 (10) 0456 CAPE PIGEON 19 (CD,F,S) L Cottrell 9-8-8 N Carlisle 94
13 (1) 3252 WALNUT BURL 14 (CD,F) L Holt 4-8-7 W Newnes 95
14 (2) 0114 FORT KNOX 14 (CD,F,G) R Flower 3-8-6 L Dettori 97
15 (7) 0012 GO WITH BO 7 (BF,F) G Lewis 3-8-5 Paul Eddery [top]
16 (4) 6200 OUR SHADEE 14 (V,CD,F) K Ivory 4-8-2 N Adams 97

7-1 Knobbleeneeze, 8-1 The Multiyorker, Arndilly, 9-1 Trinity Hall, 10-1 Walnut Burl, Jigsaw Boy, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Wragg, 12 winners from 34 runners, 35.3%; B Hills, 37 from 106, 34.9%; A Stewart, 6 from 18, 33.3%; P Chapple-Hyam, 3 from 10, 30.0%; R Charlton, 6 from 23, 26.1%; L Cottrell, 9 from 41, 22.0%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 66 winners from 250 rides, 26.4%; S Raymont, 5 from 23, 21.7%; Emma O'Gorman, 36 from 167, 21.6%; K Rutter, 16 from 77, 20.8%; J Weaver, 22 from 108, 20.4%; G Carter, 8 from 51, 15.7%.

New guidelines set

RACING tipster services were yesterday given new guidelines by the Independent Committee for the supervision of Standards of Telephone Information Services (ICSTIS).

A review of the services, which was prompted by a rise in the number of complaints about them over the last year, has led to stricter guidelines from the ICSTIS regarding misleading claims about tips. Claims about past tips can now only be made in an advertisement if they have been proofed in advance by a reputable third party.

LEICESTER

THUNDERER

2.15 Dance A Dream; 2.45 Flatford Princess; 3.15 Glen Miller; 3.45 Lucky Parkes; 4.15 Parthian Springs; 4.45 Mandarina; 5.15 Sweet Pavlova; 5.45 KNOCK KNOCK (nap)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 DANCE A DREAM (nap). 4.45 Mandarina.

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.15 EBF TIM BOON MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,093: 1m 8yd) (12 runners)

1 (4) A LA MODE (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-11 Pat Eddery –
2 (11) 0 BOBBY'S DREAM 17 (Mrs P Kalman) M Tompkins 8-11 S Mulvey (5) 62
3 (3) 60 BUTTERFLY KNIFE 10 (J Smith) J Eustace 8-11 M Tebbutt –
4 (1) 2 DANCE A DREAM 11 (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-11 J Reid [top]
5 (12) 0 DOMITIA 29 (M Fitzgerald) M Bell 8-11 M Fenton (3) 62
6 (2) DOWDENCY (P Tilt) J Pickering 8-11 L Newton (5) –
7 (8) 00 EMMALA 21 (C Buckle) M Channon 8-11 R Hughes 52
8 (9) 04 MO'S STAR 12 (Mrs A Dpedal) S Dow 8-11 W Ryan 85
9 (5) QUILLWORK (G Glenister) Mrs J Cecil 8-11 J Carroll –
10 (10) 4 SHINING HIGH 27 (Mrs M Burrell) J Dunlop 8-11 W Carson 84
11 (7) VALLAYER COSTER (R Green (Fine Paintings)) J Arnold 8-11 B Thomson –
12 (6) 223 WESTERN REEL 18 (BF) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11 M Hills 92

BETTING: 7-4 Dance A Dream, 5-2 A La Mode, 4-1 Shining High, 5-1 Western Reel, 8-1 Mo's Star, 10-1 Quillwork, 12-1 others.

1993: TANDIA 8-11 J Weaver (25-1) M Pipe 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

A LA MODE (foaled Mar 28). Sister by Known Fact to 7f/1m winner Moderatio and half-sister to high-class middle distance performer Ermasmuf; dam half-sister to dam of Zalonic.
DANCE A DREAM short-head 2nd of 18 to Spout in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good), with BOBBY'S DREAM 18l 14th.
DOMITIA 15¾l 11th of 17 to Mamlakah in maiden auction here (7f 9yd, good to firm). MO'S STAR about 5¾l 4th of 6 to Winners Choice in conditions race at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to soft). SHINING HIGH 4¾l 4th of 12 to Twilight Sleep in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good). WESTERN REEL head 2nd of 9 to Iblmas in maiden at Haydock (6f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: SHINING HIGH

2.45 PHIL SIMMONS NURSERY SELLING HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £2,902: 1m 8yd) (20 runners)

1 (11) 0030 FOALUA 17 (J Bowden) B Meehan 9-7 B Thomson 89
2 (8) 042 SAMANA CAY 21 (The Para Gold Partnership) A Scott 9-7 Pat Eddery 86
3 (7) 04236 MOSSALIER 29 (BF) (D Lewis) R Simpson 9-6 B Doyle 88
4 (15) 312243 BITCH 17 (C,F) (Reldwale Ltd) G Lewis 9-5 DOUBTFUL –
5 (5) 0032 BELLA FRANCESCA 32 (BF) (P Boocke) M H Easterby 9-3 M Birch 80
6 (3) 326402 CODE OF SILENCE 29 (Arctic Partnership) B Palling 9-2 Stephen Davies (3) 80
7 (18) 3513 AQUA RIGIA 14 (C,F) (B Gover) P Cole 9-2 T G McLaughlin (5) 91
8 (16) 404 DUTCH GURU 11 (W de Ruiter) S Williams 9-1 K Darley 88
9 (4) 322342 SWEET CHEAP PET 12 (F,G) (S Berry) J Berry 9-1 J Carroll 87
10 (13) 42000 PRESTO BOY 17 (B) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) M Bell 8-13 M Fenton (3) 91
11 (20) 063 FLATFORD PRINCESS 13 (G Pannick) G L Moore 8-13 J Reid 89
12 (10) 00605 RISKY ROSE 8 (M Johnson) R Hollinshead 8-12 A Garth (5) 80
13 (17) 005 COAST ALONG 11 (G Brittain) C Thornton 8-11 G Mills (7) 87
14 (5) 6040 ON A PEDESTAL 26 (H Rishworth) Mrs J Ramsden 8-10 K Fallon 80
15 (12) 050 CENTAUR EXPRESS 11 (Centaur Racing) A Forbes 8-8 S D Williams –
16 (1) 50432 CLUB ELITE 40 (BF) (Elite Racing Club) M Camacho 8-8 J Fortune 86
17 (19) 0000 MY HANDSOME PRINCE 10 (D Holmes) P Bevan 8-5 C Hawksley (5) –
18 (2) 060 ABSOLUTE MILLIONS 17 (B) (Million In Mind Partnership) J Watts 8-4 J Fanning 84
19 (6) 600 CATCHARAINBOW 18 (N Hayes) K McAuliffe 8-3 J Lowe [top]
20 (14) 005500 UP THE IRON 25 (B) (S Robinson) J Mooney 7-12 N Varley (5) 88

BETTING: 7-1 Samana Cay, 8-1 Aqua Rigia, 10-1 Club Elite, Bella Francesca, Code Of Silence, Sweet Cheap Pet, 12-1 Flatford Princess, Mossalier, 14-1 Catcharainbow, 16-1 others.

1993: MR ROUGH 8-6 C Hodgson (7-1) D Morris 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

SAMANA CAY 5l 2nd of 16 to Greenwich Again in seller at Folkestone (7f, good to firm), with FLATFORD PRINCESS (8lb better off) about 4¼l 6th. BITCH neck and 3½l 3rd of 11 to Zillany in selling nursery at Sandown (7f, good), with PRESTO BOY (5lb better off) 14½l 8th and FOALUA (3lb better off) 5l 11th.
BELLA FRANCESCA 6l 2nd of 15 to Casper's Risk in selling stakes at Southwell (7f, AW). CODE OF SILENCE 2l 2nd of 9 to Sweetie Has in selling nursery here (6f, good to firm), with MOSSALIER (5lb better off) 7l 6th.
AQUA RIGIA neck and 5l 3rd of 8 to Chance Bid in nursery at Brighton (7f, firm).
DUTCH GURU 6¾l 4th of 15 to Chaldon Herring in seller at Thirsk (7f, good), with COAST ALONG (4lb better off) 2¼l 5th. CENTAUR EXPRESS (6lb better off) 7l 10th and ABSOLUTE MILLIONS (6lb better off) 4l 13th. SWEET CHEAP PET 1¼l 2nd of 7 to Rose Chime in nursery at Edinburgh (7f, good to firm). FLATFORD PRINCESS 2¾l 3rd of 14 to Never So Rite in selling stakes at Brighton (6f 209yd, firm). RISKY ROSE 9¼l 5th of 15 to Dominelle in selling stakes at Ripon (6f, good to firm). CLUB ELITE 1l 2nd of 11 to Miscellaneous in seller at Southwell (AW, 7f), with BELLA FRANCESCA (9lb worse off) 3¾l 3rd. UP THE IRON (15lb better off) 2l 5th and CODE OF SILENCE (3lb worse off) 6¾l 9th. CATCHARAINBOW best effort when 15¾l 9th of 17 in maiden auction here (7f 9yd, good to firm).
Selection: AQUA RIGIA

3.15 JACK BIRKENSHAW HANDICAP
(£3,678: 7f 9yd) (20 runners)

1 (17) 50000F- MY BONUS 297 (C,F,G) (D Cosgrove) D Cosgrove 4-9-13 M Wigham 87
2 (14) 541355 GREAT HALL 28 (C,F,G) (P Cundell) P Cundell 5-9-12 D Griffiths (7) 94
3 (4) 100020 KESTON POND 3 (D,G) (Elites Landi) G Bravery 4-9-11 M Hills 96
4 (13) 360000 COMMON LAW 18 (S) (Mrs N Myers) M Channon 4-9-8 R Hughes [top]
5 (20) 035-415 ARABOYBILL 60 (D,F) (N Gay, B Barry) R Simpson 3-9-8 B Doyle 93
6 (1) 4600 ASALIB 14 (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-9-4 W Carson 91
7 (8) 616134 WHATEVER'S RIGHT 15 (D,F,G) (M Thurgood) M Usher 5-9-4 B Thomson 95
8 (10) 040360 GRAND VITESSE 84 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Marshall) R Bastiman 5-9-2 H Bastiman (5) 94
9 (16) 015536 HEATHYARDS LADY 20 (F) (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 3-9-0 W Ryan 92
10 (9) 5465 BOGART 43 (A Development Products (NE) Ltd) C Fairhurst 3-9-0 Dean McKeown 98
11 (12) 103550 CHEERFUL GROOM 3 (D,F) (B Cahill) J Mackie 3-8-13 M Fenton 90
12 (19) 0-03004 SURREY RACING 13 (D,F,G) (K Higson) G L Moore 6-8-12 K Darley 90
13 (7) 510635 GLENFIELD GRETA 42 (D,F,G) (S Grey) P Felgate 6-8-11 G Hind 90
14 (18) 654344 WINDOW DISPLAY 8J (S) (D Cooper) Mrs N Macauley 3-8-11 W Wharton 92
15 (3) 0441-00 SALTCORN 10 (G) (Ruset Leasing Ltd) C C Elsey 3-8-8 J Reid 97
16 (2) 054130 KILNAMARTYRA GIRL 8 (B,D,F) (P Cronin) J Parkes 4-8-9 M Deering (7) 92
17 (6) 00-0002 AQUILETTA 11 (A Lyons) C Boots 4-8-7 M Birch 95
18 (5) 600416 LEGEND DULAC 20 (C,D,F,G,S) (B McAllister) J L Harris 5-8-7 Dale Gibson 94
19 (15) 234510 SWINGING TICH 196 (G) (D Gregory) B McMahon 5-8-6 J Fortune 89
20 (11) 605035 GLEN MILLER 13 (CD,F) (M Tabsh) J Payne 4-8-5 M Tebbutt 95

BETTING: 6-1 Whatever's Right, 7-1 Great Hall, 9-1 Window Display, 10-1 Araboybill, Heathyards Lady, 12-1 Aquiletta, Surrey Racing, 14-1 others.

1993: UNIFICATION 4-8-0 A Munro (25-1) R Akehurst 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

KESTON POND beat 2nd of 15 to Wali in handicap at Southwell (AW, 7f) on penultimate start, with LEGEND DULAC (2lb better off) 13l 9th. ARABOYBILL beat Ole Georgy 2½l in 16-runner maiden handicap at Brighton (7f, firm) on penultimate start. WHATEVER'S RIGHT about 5¾l 4th of 19 to Bell Gown in handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm).
HEATHYARDS LADY 3¼l 3rd of 7 to To Crown It All in handicap at Thirsk (1m, firm). GLENFIELD GRETA 3¾l 3rd of 13 to Sea-Ayr in handicap at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. KILNAMARTYRA GIRL beat Master Hyde 2l in 8-runner apprentices handicap at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). AQUILETTA 1¾l 2nd of 20 to Practical in selling handicap at Newmarket (7f, good). LEGEND DULAC beat Tumbling 1¼l in 18-runner handicap at Redcar (7f, good to firm), with GLEN MILLER (8lb better off) 13¼l 13th. GLEN MILLER ½l and neck 3rd of 14 to High Typha in claiming handicap at Salisbury (7f, firm).
Selection: KESTON POND

3.45 JAMES WHITAKER CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,482: 5f 2yd) (5 runners)

1 (5) 812224 LUCKY PARKES 12 (D,F,G,S) (J Heler) J Berry 4-9-5 G Hind [top]
2 (4) 025311 SHEILA'S SECRET 12 (D,G,S) (Sherwoods Transport Ltd) T Mills 4-9-5 J Reid 98
3 (3) 232005 SUPERLATIVEMAXIMUS 148 (D,G) (R Champion) J Bennett 6-8-13 DOUBTFUL –
4 (2) 02-0000 CRADLE DAYS 10 (D,F,G,S) (T Jaksey) R Hannon 5-8-10 W Carson 85
5 (1) 041229 FOLLOWMEGIRLS 18 (D,F,G) (Exors of Mr J Martin) Mrs A King 5-8-9 J Fortune 89

BETTING: 5-4 Sheila's Secret, 7-4 Lucky Parkes, 5-1 Cradle Days, 6-1 Followmegirls.

1993: ARTISTIC REEF 4-9-4 W Carson (5-6 fav) G Eden 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHEILA'S SECRET beat Averti ¾l in 9-runner conditions race at Lingfield (5f, good to soft), with LUCKY PARKES (8lb better off) 1¼l 4th. Previously beat LUCKY PARKES (8lb better off) ¾l in 6-runner conditions race at Salisbury (5f, good).
CRADLE DAYS 5¾l 8th of 17 to Hello Mister in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good). FOLLOWMEGIRLS 1¾l 3rd of 13 to Join The Clan in handicap at Sandown (5f, good).
Selection: LUCKY PARKES

4.15 BENEFIT YEAR MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,150: 1m 1f 218yd) (18 runners)

1 (5) 6 LIMITED LIABILITY 19 (Miss E Aldous) M Prescott 4-9-7 G Duffield –
2 (10) 0 SHIP OF THE LINE 19 (J Swaine) J Fanshawe 4-9-7 K Fallon –
3 (16) 0/6 CALIFORNIA DREAMIN 8 (D Baird) C Fairhurst 5-9-2 J Fanning 58
4 (14) 0 SQUEAKY TOY 27 (S Desmond) T Kersey 4-9-2 N Kennedy –
5 (3) BENJAMINS LAW (D Lowe) J Pickering 3-9-0 L Newton (5) –
6 (2) ECHENTONE (J Bainbridge) A Hide 3-9-0 M Tebbutt –
7 (13) FRANK THE SWANK (The Kismet Partnership) R Price 3-9-0 B Doyle –
8 (9) HEIGHTH OF FAME (F Mallon) I Balding 3-9-0 W Ryan –
9 (15) 04000 ORCHARD GOLD 8 (S Pitt) F Yardley 3-9-0 J Lowe 65
10 (17) 4 PARTHIAN SPRINGS 36 (Hesmonds Stud) J Gosden 3-9-0 G Hind 77
11 (8) 00 RADIB 11 (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 3-9-0 W Carson 85
12 (4) 00 RISING MAN 11 (B Naylor) A Jarvis 3-9-0 K Darley –
13 (18) 03-0 SADLER'S WALK 147 (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-9-0 M Hills 68
14 (6) SKEAN-DHU (Mrs S Wordington) T Tate 3-9-0 M Birch –
15 (7) 0 SOON BE SPRING 24 (Mrs M Bostock) J L Harris 3-9-0 Dale Gibson –
16 (11) 00660 STRIDE TO GLORY 24 (C Morris) M McCormack 3-9-0 R Hughes 53
17 (1) 6-2452 ZEETARO 11 (The Dowager Lady Swaverbrook) W Hern 3-9-0 Pat Eddery [top]
18 (12) BALLET ROUGE (L Fust) A Jarvis 3-8-9 N Varley (5) –

BETTING: 5-2 Zeetaro, 7-2 Parthian Springs, 9-2 Heighth Of Fame, 6-1 Sadler's Walk, 10-1 Ship Of The Line, 12-1 California Dreamin, 14-1 others.

1993: COUNT OF FLANDERS 3-9-0 M Roberts (2-1 fav) M Stoute 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHIP OF THE LINE 23l 8th of 14 to Kamchatka in maiden at Yarmouth (1m 2f, soft) with LIMITED LIABILITY 8l 13th. CALIFORNIA DREAMIN about 17¾l 8th of 10 to Balashel in maiden at Warwick (1m, good to firm). HEIGHTH OF FAME. By Shirley Heights, closely related to useful miler Heart Of Darkness; dam 5f winner. PARTHIAN SPRINGS 9¾l 4th of 16 to Milly Ha Ha in maiden at Ripon (1m 2f, good). SADLER'S WALK 18l 13th of 23 to Sleve Of Time in maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to soft). Best effort last season when 4l 3rd of 7 to Green Crusader in maiden at Yarmouth (7f 3yd, good to soft). STRIDE TO GLORY 14¾l 6th of 10 to Tonsom in maiden at Lingfield (1m 2f, good to firm). ZEETARO 1¾l 2nd of 17 to Treaty Of Peace in maiden at Goodwood (1m 2f, good), with RADIB 16¾l 9th and RISING MAN 15l 14th.
Selection: ZEETARO

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Cecil	5	15	33.3	Pat Eddery	22	113	19.5
J Gosden	20	76	26.3	W Carson	25	131	19.1
H Cecil	22	86	25.6	M Fenton	3	16	18.8
M Stoute	15	67	22.4	J Carroll	5	30	16.7
J Dunlop	15	81	18.5	J Reid	10	79	12.7
W Hern	6	33	18.2	W Ryan	20	165	12.1

4.45 DAVID MILLNS MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £4,093: 7f 9yd) (16 runners)

1 (17) ABACO PRINCE (Lucayan Stud) P Cole 9-0 T G McLaughlin (5) –
2 (5) ACE CHAPEL (P Jacobs) C C Elsey 9-0 M Hills –
3 (12) CONTRACT VENTURE (B) (Contract Venture Partnership) W Jarvis 9-0 M Tebbutt –
4 (9) CROWNED GLORY (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0 J Fortune –
5 (14) 00 DIAMOND MARKET 8 (P Harvey) R Price 9-0 B Doyle –
6 (7) 0 GREYCOAT BOY 27 (H Rosington) B Meehan 9-0 J Carroll –
7 (16) 00 MANS PASSION 48 (B Allan) J White 9-0 Dale Gibson –
8 (4) 245 OAKBURY 58 (Mrs B Facchino) R Hannon 9-0 K Darley 91
9 (3) RUBISLAW (A Development Products (NE) Ltd) C Fairhurst 9-0 J Fanning –
10 (2) 0 SHAHID 20 (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 79
11 (1) SINGSPIEL (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 J Reid –
12 (6) 0 BLUE NILE 24 (S Fari) A Stewart 8-9 B Thomson –
13 (10) 3 MANDARINA 11 (Francis Stud) L Cumani 8-9 Pat Eddery [top]
14 (8) 0 PRIMO PANACHE 52 (Mrs E Coupland) M Bielby 8-9 A Culhane –
15 (13) 00 TYRELESS 21 (Town and Country Tyres) A Jarvis 8-9 N Varley (5) –
16 (15) 5 WEB OF INTRIGUE 28 (BF) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-9 W Ryan 88

BETTING: 2-1 Mandarina, 7-2 Singspiel, 5-1 Oakbury, 7-1 Web Of Intrigue, 10-1 Blue Nile, Crowned Glory, 12-1 Shahid, 14-1 Abaco Prince, 16-1 others.

1993: MYTILENE 8-9 L Dettori (9-2) J Gosden 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

CONTRACT VENTURE (cost 12,000gns as a yearling). By Contract Law out of poor maiden. CROWNED GLORY (cost 62,000gns as a yearling). By Chief's Crown out of grade three 1m 2f winner in the United States. GREYCOAT BOY 25l 11th of 12 to Twilight Sleep in maiden at Salisbury (6f 212yd, good to firm). OAKBURY about 4¾l 5th of 8 to Upizaar in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good). SHAHID 8l 8th of 16 to Don Corleone in maiden at Kempton (7f, good to firm).
SINGSPIEL (foaled 25 Feb). Half-brother by In The Wings to useful 1m 2f performer Rafeen and 6f/1m winner Rahy; dam top-class performer at around 1m 2f. BLUE NILE 11l 8th of 20 to El Supremo in maiden at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). MANDARINA short-head and 3l 3rd of 18 to Spout in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). WEB OF INTRIGUE 3¾l last of 5 to La Contessa in conditions race at Yarmouth (7f, good).
Selection: MANDARINA

5.15 DAVID MILLNS MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £4,064: 7f 9yd) (15 runners)

1 (11) ADVANCE EAST (P Locke) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 K Fallon –
2 (8) 04 CLOUD 11 (A Hancock III) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 J Carroll 95
3 (13) 0 FREEZE 47 (H Steckmest) W Jarvis 9-0 M Tebbutt –
4 (9) FUJIYAMA CREST (S Hata) M Stoute 9-0 K Darley –
5 (12) 0 KAMA SIMBA 11 (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 9-0 G Hind –
6 (5) 0 KINDRED GREETING 101 (M Brady) D Morris 9-0 Stephen Davies (3) –
7 (10) 0 LATE MAIL 11 (G Coull) J Eustace 9-0 G Duffield –
8 (6) 0 MAYSANN 83 (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson –
9 (7) 00 NANTON POINT 32 (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 75
10 (4) RAHY ZOMAN (K Nasser) J Fanshawe 9-0 M Hills –
11 (2) 00 SPARA TIR 34 (P Simmonite) Bob Jones 9-0 M Wigham 64
12 (1) 00 WATER HAZARD 20 (The Fairway Partnership) S Dow 9-0 W Ryan –
13 (15) LELISE (Mrs O Bazzer) A Jarvis 8-9 N Varley (5) –
14 (3) 4 LIGURIAN 24 (R Sangster) J Watts 8-9 B Thomson 87
15 (14) 3 SWEET PAVLOVA 42 (M Acton) P Cole 8-9 Pat Eddery [top]

BETTING: 2-1 Sweet Pavlova, 3-1 Fujiyama Crest, 6-1 Ligurian, Rahy Zoman, 7-1 Cloud, 10-1 Advance East, 12-1 Nanton Point, 14-1 others.

1993: MYTILENE 8-9 L Dettori (9-2) J Gosden 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

ADVANCE EAST (foaled Apr 27; cost 22,000gns). Half-brother by Polish Precedent to Stoney Valley, dual 1m 2f winner at three years; dam very useful stayer. CLOUD about 2l 4th of 10 to Dance Band in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good), with LATE MAIL 20l 9th. FUJIYAMA CREST (Mar 6; 45,000gns). Half-brother by Roi Danzig to five winners including Seasonal Splendour, dual 1m 4f winner this season; dam 5f juvenile winner. MAYSANN 17l 14th of 17 to Xalaba in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). RAHY ZOMAN (Jan 25). Half-brother by Rahy to two winners in North America; dam placed in Graded Stakes at three years. LIGURIAN 7l 4th of 20 to El Supremo in maiden at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). SWEET PAVLOVA two necks 3rd of 11 to Twilight Patrol in maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to firm).
Selection: SWEET PAVLOVA

5.45 LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(£3,730: 1m 1f 218yd) (19 runners)

1 (19) 060582 KNOCK KNOCK 63 (D,BF,F,G) (G Smart) I Balding 9-10-0 D Griffiths (3) 93
2 (2) 25-1510 SANTANA LADY 12 (D,F,G) (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-13 Stephen Davies 98
3 (13) 111403 HILLZAH 152 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Churm) R Bastiman 6-9-12 H Bastiman (3) 90
4 (1) 0066-45 MOULTAZIM 32 (M Coomes) R Price 4-9-9 B Doyle 91
5 (12) 20-0004 BAG OF TRICKS 10 (D,G) (Eurostrut Ltd) S Dow 4-9-6 A Whelan (3) 90
6 (11) 034643 PAMPERED GUEST 24 (B,BF,F) (J Pearce) M Bell 3-9-5 M Fenton 95
7 (5) 013314 ALLESCA 8 (D,F,G,S) (Miss D Kerr) M Usher 4-9-4 C Adamson (5) 95
8 (14) 60166 BELLE ILE 10 (F) (C Budget) P Cole 3-9-3 T G McLaughlin (3) 94
9 (9) 0-000 RAMSHAW 134 (Lusayan Stud) R Hannon 3-8-13 Mark Denaro (3) 80
10 (10) 352230 RUBY HEIGHTS 14 (V,BF) (G Stropshire) W Jarvis 3-8-13 G Mitchell (5) 92
11 (7) 006643 CURTELACE 8 (P Savill) Lady Herries 4-8-10 B Parkin (3) 95
12 (18) 15-4502 MISTY VIEW 35 (CD,F,G) (M Pascall) J White 5-8-10 F McCormick (7) 91
13 (4) 0010-00 HILL FARM KATIE 8 (G) (D Newton) W Brisbourne 3-8-10 A Garth 80
14 (16) 0050- BELLROI 344 (Mrs G Smith) M Tompkins 3-8-8 S Mulvey (3) 80
15 (3) 4/20-240 EDIREPUS 25 (R Hall) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-8 S Copp (5) 97
16 (15) 041530 LARN FORT 32 (D,F,G,S) (Development Products) C Fairhurst 4-8-7 D Wright 94
17 (6) 525044 MODEST HOPE 10 (D,F,G) (J McManamon) B Richmond 7-8-2 N Varley 92
18 (17) 558005 SWEETINGS PISCES 31 (Sweetings (City) Ltd) M H Easterby 3-8-2 J Stack (3) 98
19 (8) 600632 TELEPHUS 5 (CD,F) (Back Hill Bloodstock Ltd) B McMath 5-8-0 R Havlin (3) [top]

BETTING: 7-1 Knock Knock, 8-1 Santana Lady, Pampered Guest, 10-1 Allesca, Telephus, 12-1 Hillzah, Curtelace, Misty View, 14-1 Belle Ile, 16-1 others.

1993: GOLD BLADE 4-8-10 W Ryan (33-1) N Graham 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

KNOCK KNOCK 3l 2nd of 5 to Phylien in rated stakes at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to firm). SANTANA LADY beat Addicted To Love by 5l in 8-runner handicap at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good to firm) on penultimate start.
HILLZAH 7l 3rd of 8 to Le Baron Perche in handicap here (1m 4f, heavy). PAMPERED GUEST 3l 3rd of 14 to Proton in handicap at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good).
ALLESCA beat Bronze Maquette 2½l in 17-runner apprentice handicap at Kempton (1m 2f, good to firm) with TELEPHUS (1lb worse off) short-head 3rd on penultimate start. BELLE ILE 8¼l 5th of 15 to Bird Of Time in handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good). CURTELACE 2¾l and short-head 3rd of 15 to Bell Gown in handicap at Chepstow (1m 2f, good) with ALLESCA 2l 4th. MISTY VIEW 1¾l 2nd of 6 to Don't Forsake Me in seller at Brighton (1m 2f, firm).
Selection: BELLE ILE

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Hamilton Park

Going: good (good to soft in places)

2.15 (6f 5yd) 1, RED DART (G Duffield, 13-8 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Lucidity (Dean McKeown, 4-1); 3, Court Joker (P Robinson, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ben Gunn (4th), 20 High Folie, Honey Trader, 25 Pemley, 33 Celebration Cake (5th), 50 Absolute Card, Rambo-rette (6th), Tam Tain, Tobago Boy, 100 Skiddaw Breeze. 13 ran. Nk, 3½l, 3l, 4l, nk. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £1.30, £1.70. DF £5.70. CSF: £8.63.

2.45 (6f 5yd) 1, PASTEL (L Dettori, 13-8 fav, Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Mystic Lure (K Darley, 11-2); 3, Don't Listen (J Weaver, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Fats (5th), 6 Toasted (4th), 10 Goodwill, Indian Jockey, 25 Sergeant Parkes, 33 Perryston View (6th), Precious Times, 50 Goram's Girl, Jimmy Jim Bob, 66 Boost, 100 Thwaab. 14 ran. 3½l, nk, 4l, ½l, 7l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £2.70; £1.10, £1.70, £4.40. DF: £5.00. CSF: £12.69.

3.15 (1m 65yd) 1, KING CURAN (P Robinson, 5-1); 2, Ruby Estate (J Weaver, 9-4 fav); 3, Hickleton Lady (K Darley, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Dubai Falcon, 12 Blaster Bates, Collier Row (4th), 16 Never So True, Steadfast Elite (5th), 25 Marble, 33 Hadi, Kathys Rainbow, Supertum, Sure Gain (6th), 50 Allez Hombre. 14 ran. NR: King Of The Horse. 1¾l, sh hd, 2½l, 3l, ½l. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £5.20; £2.10, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £9.40. CSF: £18.52.

3.45 (1m 65yd) 1, TALENTED TING (J Weaver, 8-1); 2, Calder King (N Varley, 16-1); 3, Colorful Ambition (N Connorton, 12-1); 4, Home Counties (Darren Moffatt, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-1 fav Tree Of Time, 15-2 Sartigila, 9 High Low (6th), Isca, 10 Master Ofthe House, Super Seva, 12 Tanaahi, 16 Elsdon, Northern Chief (5th), 20 Bold Acre, Public Way, 33 Amnesia, 40 Rood Music. 17 ran. NR: Mam'zelle Angot. ¾l, 3l, ½l, nk, 2l. P Haslam at Middleham. Tote: £8.10; £1.90, £3.30, £3.90, £12.50. DF: £87.80. Trio, £768.90. CSF: £117.46. Tricast: £1,399.19.

4.15 (1m 65yd) 1, TIME FOR ACTION (P Robinson, 2-1); 2, Carnicia (L Dettori, 5-2); 3, Anam (R Hills, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 11 Persian Fayre (4th). 4 ran. NR: Thrushwood. 1l, 1¾l, 10l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £3.20; £2.50. DF: £4.70. CSF: £7.03.

4.45 (1m 4f 17yd) 1, CUTTHROAT KID (K Darley, 11-2); 2, Chantry Beath (Dean McKeown, 3-1 fav); 3, Serwen (N Varley, 16-1); 4, Philgun (N Kennedy, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 10 Children's Choice (6th), 12 Deb's Ball, 14 Eldeyaar, Legal Fiction (5th), Teacher, 16 Lobilio, Locksman, 20 Brilliant Disguise, Funny Choice, Rosmarino, Zaaheyah, 33 Beaumood, 66 Greystyle. 17 ran. Nk, 3l, 1¾l, nk, nk. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £5.30; £1.60, £1.20, £4.50, £3.50. DF: £5.30. Trio: £113.70. CSF: £21.93. Tricast: £241.56.

Jackpot: £16,864.40.
Placepot: £114.40.
Quadpot: £82.10.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.00 (5f) 1, Delrob (A Mackay, 6-1); 2, Little Saboteur (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Rocky Two (5-2 jt-fav). 11 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £6.40; £1.80, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £7.70. CSF: £20.35. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

2.30 (1m) 1, In Character (T Ives, 3-1); 2, Pierre Bosco (11-4 fav); 3, Signal (7-1). 9 ran. Sh hd, 7l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £1.10, £2.50. DF: £8.90. CSF: £12.01.

3.00 (2m) 1, Top Prize (G Bardwell, 14-1); 2, Noragan (6-1); 3, Mrs Jawleyford (8-1); Atlantic Way 11-4 fav. 14 ran. 4l, 2½l. M Britain. Tote: £24.10; £4.60, £3.60, £3.30. DF: £118.30. Trio: £390.60 (pool of £451.20 carried forward to 5.30 at Lingfield today). CSF: £96.83. Tricast: £671.60.

3.30 (7f) 1, Pleasure Beach (Emma O'Gorman, 14-1); 2, Music Maker (9-2); 3, Key Pitch (2-1 fav). 15 ran. Nk, 3½l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £20.00; £4.80, £2.60, £1.30. DF: £180.00. CSF: £78.04.

4.00 (6f) 1, Red River Rose (D Biggs, 14-1); 2, Silver Thatching (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Cedar Dancer (16-1). Vocal Command 3-1 jt-fav. 15 ran. NR: Ballywillan. ¾l, 2l. C Hill. Tote: £53.90; £7.30, £1.40, £22.60. DF: £71.50. Trio: not won (pool of £363.19 carried forward to 5.30 at Lingfield today). CSF: £60.97. Tricast: £679.38.

4.30 (1m) 1, Swynford Flyer (Mr C Bonner, 10-1); 2, My Minnie (20-1); 3, Certain Way (5-1); 4, Jamaica Bridge (9-2 fav). 16 ran. 2½l, 3l. J A Harris. Tote: £12.20; £2.10, £4.90, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £126.10. Trio: not won (pool of £695.28 carried forward to 5.30 at Lingfield today). CSF: £183.68. Tricast: £1,031.60.

5.00 (5f) 1, Tyrian Purple (V Halliday, 8-1); 2, Desert Invader (9-1); 3, Very Dicey (8-11 fav). 9 ran. NR: The Real Whizzbang. 1¾l, 1½l. T Naughton. Tote: £7.30; £1.10, £2.70, £1.10. DF: £24.00. CSF: £70.54.

5.30 (1m) 1, Tidal Reach (J Fortune, 11-2); 2, Green's Wootton (6-4 fav); 3, Mentor (13-2). 8 ran. 1½l, 2½l. S Norton. Tote: £5.50; £1.40, £1.40, £2.60. DF: £5.20. CSF: £13.13.

Placepot: £116.30.
Quadpot: not won (pool of £157.40 carried forward to Lingfield today).

RICHARD EVANS

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Reedie elected in preference to Coe

New faces joined the ranks of IOC members in Paris yesterday. David Miller was there

AS A consequence of his missing the chance to speak at the centenary congress of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) last week, Sebastian Coe has forfeited his election as Britain's second member. In his absence, the executive board yesterday proposed, and the 87 members present approved, the election of Craig Reedie, the chairman of the British Olympic Association (BOA).

The well-known energy and practical application of Reedie, 53, who almost single-handedly negotiated the inclusion of badminton on the Olympic programme when he was president of the international federation, was regarded, in a last-minute assessment, as preferable to the high profile but uncertain contribution of Coe.

The pressures of responsibility as a Member of Parliament have prevented Coe, the preferred choice of the president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, from attending several IOC athletes' commission meetings. Coe was absent last week because of his wife, Nicola's, imminent birth of their second child. The coincidental timing was unfortunate, but the executive board opted for the qualities that they could see, in Reedie, rather than the image of an incomparable former double-Olympic champion who led the campaign for life suspension for positive drug tests at the congress 13 years ago.

In succeeding Dame Mary Glen Haig, who retired last year, Reedie knows his priority exactly: more funds for improving British performance in the Games.



Reedie: clear priorities

"All round Europe, national Olympic committees are now becoming recipients of substantial government support," Reedie said yesterday. "Britain is so far behind, it's embarrassing. We have seen what increased funds are achieving for some traditionally smaller sporting nations, such as Norway at the Lillehammer Games and now in athletics, and for Spain at the Barcelona Games. We must persuade the UK Sports Council to raise the level of their support."

In Reedie's estimation, the failure of Manchester in its bid for the 2000 Games — at Monte Carlo last autumn — cost the BOA a potential income of £40 million in sponsorship contracts. His strength as leader of Britain's Olympic effort is two-fold: he has intimate knowledge of an international federation and competitors' needs, and is a hands-on administrator in the funding operation that is basic to contemporary sport. His practical experience is valuable to Britain in the kind of hard-nosed negotiation in which Britain's other IOC member, the Princess Royal, cannot be involved.

The possible election of Coe now depends, besides a more active indication that he is interested, upon either the voluntary resignation of the Princess — if she considers she cannot contribute sufficiently — or nomination by Samaranch as one of his ten discretionary members. That would give Britain three members, a position enjoyed by Italy with yesterday's election of Mario Pescante, general secretary of the Italian and European association of NOCs.

Pescante joins Franco Carraro and Primo Nebiolo, whose expected candidacy to succeed Samaranch as IOC president in 1997 will be strengthed by the predicted addition of those international federation presidents likely to be personally nominated by Samaranch. Nebiolo, besides being president of international athletics is head of the joint association of summer olympic sports (ASOIF).

The other ten new members elected yesterday were: James Easton (United States), president of international archery; Mohamad Hasan (Indonesia), vice-president of the Olympic Council of Asia; Gerhard Heiberg (Norway), head of the organising committee of the Olympic Games and, ironically, a critic of the IOC; Professor Arne Ljungqvist (Sweden), chairman of the IAAF medical commission; Austin Sealy (Barbados), Commonwealth Games treasurer; Dr Robin Mitchell (Fiji), vice-president of the Oceania NOCs; Ibrahim Diallo (Guinea), former UN ambassador; Alex Gilady (Israel); Shamil Tarpischev (Russia) and Valery Borzov (Ukraine), a double sprint champion at Munich in 1972. Gilady was elected exactly 22 years to the day after the massacre of Israeli competitors at the Munich Games. Surprisingly, no South African was elected yesterday.

The session yesterday approved the new drugs code of the IOC medical commission that has been scrupulously vetted for water-tight legal conditions by the juridical commission, its observation mandatory for every international federation, NOC and competition coming within the framework of the Olympic movement. A clarified list of drugs, legal and illegal, makes it impossible for any competitor who can read to be in the slightest doubt about what is permissible.

Some 87,000 tests were conducted by IOC-accredited laboratories last year. Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the medical commission, yesterday promised swift attention to the kind of unsatisfactory delay between A and B tests that has led to such controversy regarding Diane Modahl, the British athlete.

RADIO CHOICE

Two into one will go

Relative Values. Radio 4, 7.20pm.

The weekend Cornwall woman in the life of Jonathan Guinness, third Baron Moyne and former chairman of the Monday Club, is Shoe Taylor, who used to be a hippy. The butcher's daughter from Oldham, who once rode on an elephant in a Lebanese circus, danced for Salvador Dali and was the victim of a gang rape in Morocco, has given him three children. The weekday London woman in the peer's life is his wife. In normal circumstances, Jonathan Guinness's triangular relationship shouldn't really work. But Michael O'Donnell, whose family values series ends with this cracker of a story, sounds confident that it *does*. The one silent voice tonight is that of the baron's wife. What, one wonders, does she think of the other women in his life, and his weekend trips to Cornwall?

Framing the Land. Radio 4 FM, 10.30am.

I would have exploded with indignation if, in her second programme about Kent's Romney Marsh, the photographer Pay Godwin had not made reference to the novelist Russell Thorndike. Since boyhood, I have been unable to hear the words Romney Marsh mentioned without the image of Thoradike's notorious creation Dr Syn, pirate turned parson, flashing across my mind. It is comforting, somehow, to learn that in Rye, one of the big tourist attractions on Romney Marsh, the lace curtains in front parlours still twitch as they did in E.F. Benson's *Lucia* books. Nice to know, too, that a Thorndike actor (Daniel) still lives on Romney Marsh.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes with the Early Breakfast Show 6.30 Kevin Greening 9.00 Simon Mayo: a session from Joe Cocker from the Woodstock 25th anniversary festival 12.00 Emma Freud looks at French youth culture with Rajan Datar, incl at 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier, incl at 3.45 The Adventures of Superman 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session live from the Zap Club in Brighton with Blubber, Shed Seven and Elastica 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00-4.00am Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Martin Kelner with the Early Show, incl at 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Sarah Kennedy, incl at 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce, incl at 10.00 Pick of the Hits 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 Paul Heiney 7.00 The Bossa Nova Story: the music of Antonio Carlos Jobim 7.30 Hayes Over Britain: phone 071-306 0222 9.00 Gilberto Becaud — It Must Be Him 10.00 Explorer Two 10.30 Paul Cole and Debbie Greenwood: music and chat from Manchester 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride incl at 1.30 Pause for Thought 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Live Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine; incl at 10.35 Europe News, and at 11.15 Dirty News 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, incl at 7.20 the day's sport 7.35 The Tuesday Match: the under-21 championships 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.00 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

News on the hour.
All times in BST. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin: in German 6.03 Morgenmagazin: in German, including Tips für Touristen 6.27 News in German 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Rock Salad 8.15 Off the Shelf: *Lies of Silence* 8.30 New Ideas 8.50 Women at the Top 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 Concert Hall 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Women's Magazines 10.30 On Screen 10.45 Sport 11.01 Discovery 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.30pm Megamix 1.10 Words of Faith 1.15 Multitrack 1.45 Sport 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf: *Lies of Silence* 3.45 March of the Women 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 4.35 Heute' Aktuell 5.15 BBC English 6.05 World Business Report 6.15 The World Today 6.30 News and Features in German 8.05 Outlook 8.30 Europe Today 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Meridian 11.05 World Business Report 11.15 Megamix 11.45 Sport 12.30am Omnibus 1.10 British News 1.15 Concert Hall 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Poems by Post 2.45 Country Style 3.30 Andy Kershaw

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto: Liov (Motin Concerto in A minor: Leningrad PO under Vladislav Chernushenko) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Opera Guide 8.00 Evening Concert: Mozart (String Quintet in G major, K516); Bartók (Viola Concerto); Berlioz (Harold in Italy) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00-6.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00 Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 N.J. Williams 2.00-6.00am Paul Coyle

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Popular Theatre in 16th Century London 6.55 Weather 7.00 On Air: Vaughan Williams (Fantasia for Greensleeves); Telemann (Overture, Water Music) 7.32 Purcell (Chacony in G minor); Wagner (Lohengrin, Prelude to Act III); 8.25 Reger (Frühlingsblick, Op 39 No 3); C.P.E. Bach (Cello Concerto in A, Wq 172) 9.00 Composer of the Week: Maxwell Davies. Purcell, arr Maxwell Davies (Pavan No 2); Maxwell Davies (Five Pieces, Op 2; Missa super L'Homme armé, excerpt; St Thomas Wake, foxtrot for orchestra) 10.00 Musical Encounters. Berlioz (Overture, Beatrice and Benedict); Chopin (Rondo in E flat, Op 16); John David Heinichen (Cantata Clori e Tirsi); Jean Clergue (Sarabande and Rigaudon); 10.45 *Proms Artists of the Week*: Dresden Staatskapelle. Vivaldi (Concerto in G minor for two cellos, RV531) Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in B flat); John Foulds (Three choruses from the Hippolytus of Euripides, Op 84b) 12.00 Music Restored (r) 1.00pm Manchester International Cello Festival 1994 with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Yan Pascal Tortelier. Dvořák (Silent Woods); Bruch (Kol Nidrei); Bartók (Viola Concerto); Wyner (Prologue and Narrative); Lalo (Cello Concerto in D minor) 2.50 Christophe Rousset: The French harpsichordist plays Chambonnières (Pavanne in D minor); Couperin (Suite in G minor); D'Anglebert (Suite No 2 in G minor) 3.40 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish SO under Jerzy Maksymiuk: Haydn (Symphony No 96 in D); Sbordoni (Durch die Lieb' Allein); Stravinsky (Capriccio for piano and orchestra); Schubert (Symphony No 4 in C minor, Tragic) 5.00 The Music Machine 5.15 In Tune: Grainger (Molly on the Shore); 6.00 Elgar (The Wand of Youth Suite No 1); 7.00 Berwald (Overture, the Queen of Golconda) 7.30 Proms 1994: from the Albert Hall, London, with the Dresden Staatskapelle under Colin Davis. Weber (Overture: Euryanthe); Dvořák (The Wood Dove). 8.08 Portrait of the Dresden Staatskapelle. 8.20 Berlioz (Symphonie Fantastique) 9.35 Memoirs of the Forgotten: The journal of Matthew Netherpayne 9.50 Il Seminario Musicale: Cantatas on heroic themes recorded at the 1992 Herne Early Music Festival. Alessandro Scarlatti (Leandro, anima mia); Clérambault (Pirame et Tisbé); Caldara (Dunque, Giasone ingrato) 10.45 Home is where the Hearth Was: Architects Richard Mather, Alan Short and Brian Ford, on a new approach to keeping warm (r) 11.30-12.30am The BBC Orchestras: Ulster Orchestra under Vernon Handley. Nielsen (Clarinet Concerto); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 4 in F minor)

RADIO 4

6.00am News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Richard Matthewman, by Ian McMillan and Martyn Wiley. Finetime Fontayne as a South Yorkshire teacher recalls the highs and lows of a lifetime spent in the same mining village 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Call James Cox: 071-580 4444 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only): John Milton's epic poem 10.00-10.30 Framing the Land (FM only): See Choice 10.30 Woman's Hour: Introduced by Emma Udwin. Serial: *Palladian* 11.30 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care; public attitudes towards designer babies 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm It's Your Round. The second semi-final 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: I Was a Teenage Playboy, by Laurence Allan 2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes: To mark the centenary of the birth of composer Peter Warlock, Richard Baker talks to Malcolm Rudland, secretary of the Warlock Society, and critic Felix Aprahamian 3.00 News; Anderson Country: Gerry Anderson with listeners' views and opinions 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Gill Pyrah discusses the life of Graham Greene with the authors of two new biographies, Norman Sherry and Michael Sheldon 4.45 Short Story: Budapest, by Deirdre Chapman 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 The Older Woman, by Tony Bagley. Comedy drama that mixes fantasy with reality, starring Martin Clunes as Roy Hitchcock, Geraldine James as Jane Gallaghan and Nicky Henson as Chad Mann 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Relative Values: See Choice 8.00 Science Now: Alun Lewis presents reports from Paris on the man who mapped the entire human genome, and the relationship between scientists and the French 8.30 First Person Singular: The Sega Gamegear introduction to Poetry. With Lemn Sissay 9.00 In Touch: Magazine for people with a visual handicap 9.30 Kaleidoscope 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Northanger Abbey. Miranda Richardson reads the seventh part of Jane Austen's novel 11.00 Mediumwave: The week's events in the media with Joanna Cole (r) 11.30 The Heritage Quiz: Sue MacGregor with panellists Christopher Cook, Colin Ford, Philippa Gregory and Adrian Henri in the Merseyside Maritime Museum (r) 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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No excuses as Edberg goes down and out to Bjorkman

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

STEFAN Edberg was not offering excuses. That would not be in his nature. But he never plays well at night at the US Open, he does not relish cold, windy conditions and he fell heavily before there was any clear indication that he was about to be humiliated here in the third round.

Thoroughly beaten at his own game by one of his compatriots, Jonas Bjorkman, the No 5 seed completed his worst year in grand slam championships since 1986. Not since then had he failed to reach the final of at least one of the four events.

One consequence of a comparatively undistinguished campaign, the peak of which was the semi-final of the Australian Open, might affect Tony Pickard. Edberg has yet to decide whether to prolong an association with his English coach which has endured for a decade. During their partnership, he has collected two Australian, two Wimbledon and two US titles. "He hasn't said that he doesn't want me," Pickard said yesterday, "but we never discuss the following year until after the US Open. So this is no different from any other year."

Although Edberg was prepared to concede that the tumble had lost him the opening set but not the match, Pickard disagreed. "After he fell, that was the end. He hurt his right wrist badly and lost his momentum. Until then, everything had been all right."

Edberg was serving at 4-5 when, going for a volley, he experienced "one of the nastier falls I've had". Of his opponent he added: "He didn't really give me a chance after that." Bjorkman, his practice partner and Davis Cup colleague, showed no mercy in going through 6-4, 6-4, 6-0.

They had not competed against each other before, but Bjorkman knew what to expect and how to respond. He came to the net on 77 occasions, winning the point 57 times and, by the end, was blazing irresistible shots from both wings. "It was like Christmas for him," Edberg said.

In the past decade, Edberg has won only one night match at Flushing Meadow (against Michael Chang when it was "warm and pleasant", Pickard recalls). In 1989, in one of his heaviest defeats, Jimmy Connors allowed him a mere six games — and one of those was a penalty. But nobody had reached the last 32 more convincingly, and his record against fellow countrymen had indicated he would go on to meet Joern Renzenbrink. In the last six years, since the rivalry with Mats Wilander ended, Edberg had been defeated by only two Swedes.

Magnus Larsson, in a night match at Monte Carlo in 1991, and Henrik Holm, in the first round of this year's French Open, had set the rare precedents. In equalling their feats, Bjorkman has put himself into contention for a place as a Davis Cup singles player.

With Jan Apell, his partner with whom he reached the final of the French Open, he is already sure to be selected for the doubles in the semi-final against the United States in Gothenburg in three weeks. Ranked No 71, Bjorkman has so far yet to drop a set.

Nor have Michael Stich and Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the fourth and fourteenth seeds respectively, who will meet each other today. The other fourth-round matches in the top half of the draw will feature Pete Sampras, the defending champion, against Jaime Yzaga and Javier Frana against Karel Novacek.

Jana Novotna reached the last eight yesterday morning. The seventh seed swept through the first set in only 22 minutes and served for the match at 5-2 before being temporarily delayed by an otherwise ill-tempered and, at times, distraught Magdalena Maleeva, the No 15 seed.

Out on court 25 there was a disheartening blow for British tennis. Luke Millian, the national junior champion, was knocked out in the first round of the junior event by Nicholas Kiefer, of Germany, 6-0, 6-1. He played just 45 minutes.



Bjorkman: blazing shots

RESULTS FROM FLUSHING MEADOW

(US unless stated)

MEN

Singles: Third round: M Stich (Ger) bt B Black (Zim) 7-6, 6-2, 6-1; J Renzenbrink (Ger) bt A Gaudenzi (It) 6-4, 6-1, 6-3; K Novacek (Cz) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 1-6, 5-7, 7-6 6-2, 7-6, J Frana (Arg) bt M Ondruska (SA) 6-3, 6-1, 6-7, 3-6, 6-4, P Sampras bt R Smith (Bah) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt C Costa (Sp) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; J Yzaga (Peru) bt C Pioline (Fr) 1-6, 5-7, 7-6, 6-1, 6-4, J Bjorkman (Swe) bt S Edberg (Swe) 6-4, 6-4, 6-0

Doubles: Third round: P McEnroe and J Palmer bt L Jensen and M Jensen 6-1, 6-2; T Nijssen (Holl) and C Suk (Cz) bt R Bergh (Swe) and M Kiel 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; M Knowles (Bah) and W Ferreira (SA) bt K Jones M Lucena 6-3, 4-6, 7-6, D Adams (Aus) and A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt P Annacone and S Cannon 6-1, 6-4; N Kulti (Swe) and M Larsson (Swe) bt B Black (Zim) and J Stark 7-5, 6-3; J Eltingh (Holl) and P Haarhuis (Holl) bt J-L de Jager (SA) and G Stafford (SA) 6-1, 6-2

WOMEN

Singles: Fourth round: K Dale (Japan) bt L Meskhi (Geo) 6-2, 6-7, 7-5; G Sabatini (Arg) bt E Likhovtseva (Kaz) 6-2, 6-1, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt A Grossman 6-2, 6-0; G Fernandez bt G Helgeson 6-3, 6-4; J Novotna (Cz) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 6-0, 6-4

Doubles: Third round: P Fendick and M McGrath bt L Golarsa (It) and C Vis (Holl) 6-1, 6-4, L Davenport and L Raymond bt C Martinez (Sp) and N Medvedeva (Ukr) 6-4, 6-3, K Maleeva (Bul) and R White bt P Shriver and E Smylie (Aus) 6-1, 6-4; L Neiland (Lat) and G Sabatini (Arg) bt A Coetzer (SA) and I Gorrochategui (Arg) 6-2, 6-1.

Mixed doubles: Second round: M Pierce (Fr) and M Jensen w/o Z Garrison Jackson and T Kronemann scr. Quarter-finals: E Reinach (SA) and P Galbraith bt M McGrath and M Woodforde (Aus) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.



VINCENT R LAFORET

Reggie Brooks, of the Washington Redskins, is halted by a posse of Seattle Seahawks opponents on Sunday

Switzer savours Cowboys' start

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

THE Dallas Cowboys received outstanding performances from their showcase players as well as their supposedly suspect defensive unit on Sunday to open the 75th National Football League season with a 26-9 away win over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Emmitt Smith, who has led the league in rushing for the past three seasons, gained 171 yards and scored a decisive touchdown in the fourth quarter. Troy Aikman completed 21 of 32 passes for 245 yards, and the rookie kicker, Chris Boniol, contributed four field goals.

The Cowboys inflicted nine quarterback sacks on the Steelers, with Jim Jeffcoat and Charles Haley making three apiece. Haley came within one of his total from last year.

"I savoured the moment," Barry Switzer, the new Dallas coach, said after directing his first professional game. He had spent five years away from the sport before he was hired in March to replace Jimmy Johnson, who left the Cowboys with a $2 million pay-off after a public feud with the team owner, Jerry Jones.

Switzer coached the University of Oklahoma to three national championships before he was forced to resign in 1989. His task is to keep the Cowboys on course for a third successive Super Bowl victory, something no other club has managed to do. The win was impressive against a team regarded as a Super Bowl contender.

"We dominated the game," Switzer said. "I was concerned about our defense, but they played well. I'm proud of everybody, top to bottom. I sat on the couch for five years watching this team on television and they won today like I saw them win before. It was a big thrill for me."

Although Dallas had things pretty much their way, they did not secure victory until Smith scored on a two-yard run with three minutes to play after Aikman had hit Alvin Harper with a 37-yard pass. The only other Dallas touchdown was a two-yard toss from Aikman to Daryl Johnston, who made a great catch in the end zone with one minute remaining in the first half. That gave Dallas a 13-3 lead, which they increased to 16-3 at half-time when Boniol kicked a 21-yard field goal on the final play. Boniol also made field goals of 41, 32 and 31 yards.

Smith set up the Cowboys' second field goal with runs of 13 and 12 yards, and then raced 46 yards in the second quarter before Johnston's touchdown catch. Aikman also threw passes of 28 and 23 yards to Michael Irvin early in the final quarter before Boniol's fourth field goal gave the Cowboys a 16-point lead. Irvin caught eight passes for 139 yards.

Pittsburgh scored on Gary Anderson's 41-yard field goal in the second quarter and on a two-yard run by the quarterback, Neil O'Donnell, in the fourth quarter. O'Donnell completed a less-than-sensational 13 of 26 passes for 127 yards.

Big points totals were not unusual. A series of rule changes introduced this season were designed to increase scoring, and the first 13 games yielded an average of 45.7 points a contest, more than eight points above the league average last year. There were 14 scoring plays of 50 yards or more. In addition, the new, optional two-point conversion was attempted eight times with three successes.

Dan Marino completed five touchdown passes, including three to Irving Fryar, enabling the Miami Dolphins to beat the New England Patriots 39-35. Marino played his first game since injuring his Achilles tendon in the fifth game last season.

Four coaches, in addition to Switzer, made their debuts with new clubs: Buddy Ryan, of Arizona, June Jones, of Atlanta, Norv Turner, of Washington, and Pete Carroll, of the New York Jets. Of those, only Carroll was successful.

NFL DETAILS

RESULTS: Week one: Detroit Lions 31, Atlanta Falcons 28 (OT), Cleveland Browns 26, Cincinnati Bengals 20, Indianapolis Colts 45, Houston Oilers 21, Kansas City Chiefs 30, New Orleans Saints 17, Green Bay Packers 16, Minnesota Vikings 10, New York Giants 28, Philadelphia Eagles 23, Seattle Seahawks 29, Washington Redskins 7, Chicago Bears 21, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 9, Los Angeles Rams 14, Arizona Cardinals 12, Dallas Cowboys 26, Pittsburgh Steelers 9, Miami Dolphins 39, New England Patriots 35, New York Jets 23, Buffalo Bills 3, San Diego Padres 37 Denver Broncos 34.

FIXTURES: Week two: Sunday: Buffalo Bills at New England Patriots; Detroit Lions at Minnesota Vikings, Indianapolis Colts at Tampa Bay Buccaneers; Los Angeles Rams at Atlanta Falcons; Miami Dolphins v Green Bay Packers (Milwaukee); Pittsburgh Steelers at Cleveland Browns; San Francisco 49ers at Kansas City Chiefs; Cincinnati Bengals at San Diego Chargers; Denver Broncos at New York Jets; Houston Oilers at Dallas Cowboys; Seattle Seahawks at Los Angeles Raiders; Washington Redskins at New Orleans Saints, New York Giants at Arizona Cardinals. Monday: Chicago Bears at Philadelphia Eagles.

Davies blasts way to four-shot lead

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

LAURA Davies overpowered the par-five holes to extend her lead to four strokes after the second round of the Rail Classic in Springfield, Illinois, on Sunday. Davies, who has won three times this season and heads the US LPGA Tour's money-list with $615,811, eagled the 491-yard 13th hole and added two birdies and a par on the other par-fives. She finished the round, played in high winds and rain, with a six-under-par 66 for a 13-under total of 131.

"This round was satisfying because the weather conditions were so tough," Davies said. Kim Shipman, level in second place with Suzanne Strudwick, said the chances of catching Davies are slim.

"If she has her driver, I don't think so." Shipman, who went round in 67, said. "I played with her three years ago when she shot 62 in the first round, and then the next day she hit it only a couple of times on the par-fives. If I had shot 62, I would've been pulling it out every hole."

Strudwick, a two-time winner on the European Tour, closed with five consecutive pars after a birdie on the 13th hole for a 66. "Actually I had very good birdie opportunities on 15 through 18. I was looking at 65, but just couldn't get it done," Strudwick said.

☐ Mike Springer, from California, was rewarded for his last-minute decision to enter the Greater Milwaukee Open when he secured a one-stroke victory. Springer was in a five-way tie for the lead for most of the final round at Brown Deer Park, but birdies on the 14th and 16th holes were all he needed to become the first American to win twice this year on the US PGA Tour.

Springer returned a four-under-par 67 in breezy conditions to finish at 16 under on 268, one stroke clear of US Open runner-up Loren Roberts. David Feherty, from Northern Ireland, finished nine strokes off the lead on 277 after a final round of 71.

☐ Tony Jacklin maintained his profitable start to life on the US Seniors Tour when he came joint third in the Northwest Classic at Kenmore, Washington. The tournament was won by Simon Hobday, of South Africa, who birdied the third play-off hole to beat Jim Albus after they had finished level on 209 after 54 holes. Jacklin finished on 211 with Larry Laoretti, and Jay Sigel.

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Latter-day G-men fail to take the flak

From the moment that the first suspect (male, Hispanic, answers to the name of Cheechi) meekly surrendered to the assembled might of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, clad in a fetching red flannel dressing-gown, you knew the makers of last night's **The Bureau** (Channel 4) were in trouble.

They may have been the first film crew to gain access to the FBI's activities in its 70-year history, but in a world accustomed to princes confessing to their infidelities on prime-time television and directors of MI5 gracing the glossy pages of *Hello!*, we need more than that. Access, schmaccess — we need action.

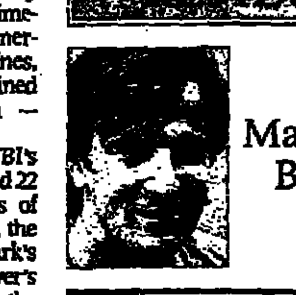
But hard as the gloriously monikered "Biff" Temple and his tooled-up SWAT team (special weapons and tactics) tried, they failed to find much. No sooner had someone reached for the megaphone to shout: "FBI. Come out with your arms up" than out would come suspect A, desperate to "assume the position" at the earliest bidding. "Don't move — you don't need to be history," shouted one helpful agent, who clearly knew what film people want. The A&D (armed and dangerous), however, was not about to make even director Tony Stark's day and lie stock still.

By the time Biff and the boys had arrived at a suburban apartment to arrest two more undesirables, the camera had virtually given up hiding behind bushes. Even the agents sounded disheartened. "FBI," they almost whispered as they undramatically opened the front door with a key. "We've got a warrant." The flat, of course, was empty.

Thank heavens, then, for good ol' J. Edgar Hoover. Cut to archive film of Hoover personally supervising a machine-gun training session for his agents, as they strafed an obligingly stationary gangsters' getaway car in the time-honoured fashion. Cut to numerous grainy newspaper headlines, chronicling Hoover's determined effort to clean up America — single-handed if necessary.

Hoover may have been the FBI's director for 48 years, but he died 22 years ago. And on the basis of *From Fedoras to Flak Jackets*, the first of four instalments, Stark's main contention — that Hoover's mark is still apparent in the modern FBI — is looking at best not proven. True, some latter-day G-men can still utter the sort of line that would no doubt bring a tear to the old man's eye, were he still around. "Every day they're in jail, that's a potential victim they didn't get." But as Stark's contemporary footage clearly shows, what the modern FBI is engaged in is the dull, repetitive routine that is policework the world over.

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Four days ago, Ros Hepplewhite resigned as the director of the Child Support Agency, blaming overwhelming pressures for her departure. Last night, however, BBC2 provided an alternative explanation — the belated arrival of **Murphy Brown** on terrestrial British television.

After all, as Mrs Hepplewhite must have reasoned, it's only two years since the American comedy series played a small but influential role in the presidential elections, when its scriptwriters incurred the considerable moral wrath of Vice-President Dan Quayle. The fact that, as far as British viewers are concerned, the saga of Murphy Brown's illegitimate baby lies some years and umpteen episodes down the line can have mattered not one jot to the beleaguered Mrs Hepplewhite. She could already see the headlines: "CSA boss tracks Brown father in obscure spin-off." It was time to go.

Last night's offering was the original pilot for the series, introducing us to Murphy Brown, played by Candice Bergen, a feisty and newly dried-out celebrity interviewer on the nightly show *FYI*, For Your Information. It is six years since the pilot was made and it's not just Ms Brown's 1980s power wardrobe that is looking dated. Indeed, the subjects of the tightly packed jokes — aerobics, the Chippendales — have had time to get over here and go back again.

For Candice Bergen, Murphy Brown must have seemed the answer to every fortysomething actress's prayers. She quickly establishes Brown as fierce (the sort of woman who puts the Secretary of State on hold to yell at her interior decorator), fun ("Pain? You don't know what pain is until the *National Enquirer* have put your head on Pia Zadora's body") and fond of Tamla Motown.

In America, the show has had Emmys and Golden Globe awards heaped upon it. Here, the best it can hope for is the cult following that Channel 4 has nurtured for imports such as *Cheers*, *The Golden Girls* and *Northern Exposure*. All of these, however, have gone out at the fashionably late hour of 10pm. Achieving cult status at 6pm will not be easy. Michael Jackson, controller of BBC2, might like to think again.

Already guaranteed a mainstream following is **2point4 Children**, which returned to BBC 1 for a fourth series with an eccentric offering based on escaped cockroaches and an inflatable Pope. Andrew Marshall's anarchic comedy of family manners is a deserved success, although he shares the credit with Belinda Lang, whose Bill is the epitome of world-weary motherhood, and Gary Olsen, who, as husband Ben, talks it as he walks it — large, loud and occasionally lovable.

With the couple's children now rushing headlong through adolescence, the only danger is that the whole cast could wake up one Monday to find they've metamorphosed into *Butterflies*, Carla Lane's earlier variation on the theme. Still, there are worse fates.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (51525)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (31673051)

9.05 The Flintstones (r) (8983) **9.30 Star Memories.** Paul Daniels (r) (43896)

10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (8413235) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (5515273) **10.30 The Family Ness** (r) (7344506) **10.35 Model World** (r) (5660877)

11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6981815) **11.05 Remington Steele.** With Pierce Brosnan (r) (s) (1799761)

11.55 For the Love of It. A musician's story (8316506)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1666728) **12.05pm Big Day Out.** Markinch in Fife (s) (3870709) **12.55 Regional news** (16830544)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (55780)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (53218525)

1.50 Turnabout. The word quiz (s) (89840273)

2.20 FILM: Escapade in Japan (1957) starring Jon Provost. A boy embarks on a colourful journey. Directed by Arthur Lubin (9321322)

3.50 Chucklevision (r) (s) (9826148) **4.10 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (4007709) **4.20 Run the Risk** (r) (s) (4107761) **4.35 Conan the Adventurer** (4876934) **5.00 Newsround** (1751544)

5.10 NEW **We Are the Champions.** Children with disabilities from Merseyside take part in track and pool events. (Ceefax) (6298761)

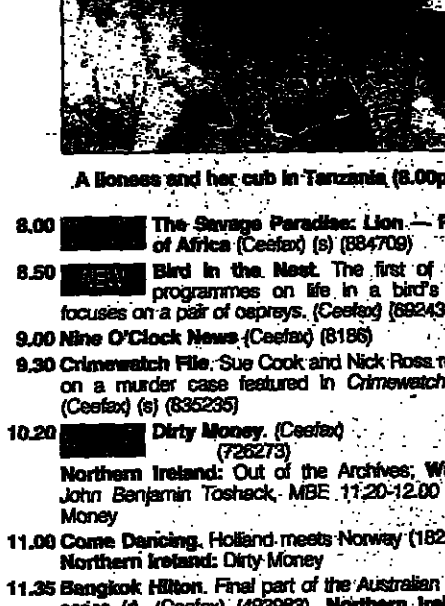
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (794254). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) (235)

6.30 Regional news magazines (815). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s)

7.00 Hi-de-Hi! A camper tries to bribe the entertainments manager (r). (Ceefax) (7235). **Wales:** Six of One

7.30 EastEnders. Grant is perplexed by Sharon's strange behaviour. (Ceefax) (s) (159)



A lioness and her cub in Tanzania (8.00pm)

8.00 The Savage Paradise: Lion — Pride of Africa (Ceefax) (s) (884709)

8.50 NEW **Bird in the Nest.** The first of three programmes on life in a bird's nest focuses on a pair of ospreys. (Ceefax) (692438)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) (8186)

9.30 Crimewatch File. Sue Cook and Nick Ross report on a murder case featured in *Crimewatch UK*. (Ceefax) (s) (835235)

10.20 Dirty Money. (Ceefax) (726273) **Northern Ireland:** Out of the Archives; **Wales:** John Benjamin Toshack, MBE 11.20-12.00 Dirty Money

11.00 Come Dancing. Holland meets Norway (182235). **Northern Ireland:** Dirty Money

11.35 Bangkok Hilton. Final part of the Australian mini-series (r). (Ceefax) (493983). **Northern Ireland:** 11.40 Come Dancing 12.20am-1.55 Bangkok Hilton. **Wales:** 12.00 Come Dancing 12.35-2.05am Bangkok Hilton **1.00-1.05 Weather** (4536997)

2.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Channel (4528620). Ends at **3.30**

BBC2

6.20am Open University (82466728)

8.00 Breakfast News. With signing and subtitles (5771591)

8.15 Pinocchio. Cartoon about a boy with a long nose (r) (7861983) **8.40 Babar** (r) (3014612)

9.05 FILM: The Wedding of Lili Marlene (1953, b/w) starring Lisa Daniely and Hugh McDermott. Musical drama about a Second World War radio sweetheart who is asked to replace the lead in a West End show. Directed by Arthur Crabtree (8566254)

10.30 FILM: China Sky (1945, b/w). Randolph Scott and Ruth Warrick star in a tale of Second World War derring-do. Directed by Ray Enright (9494780)

11.45 FILM: Every Girl Should be Married (1948, b/w). A shop assistant sets out to trap a doctor in this romantic comedy starring Cary Grant and Betsy Drake. Directed by Don Hartman (1055815)

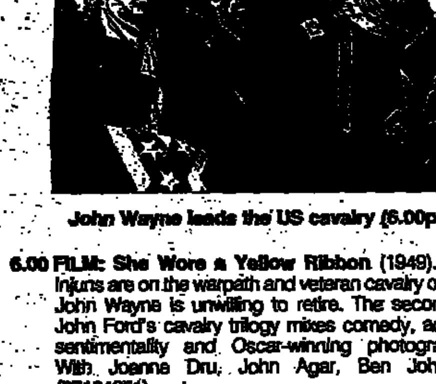
1.10pm A Week to Remember (b/w) (99847235)

1.20 Joshua Jones (r) (99843419) **1.30 Orville and Cuddles** (r) (38876761) **1.35 Go Birding.** With Tony Soper (r) (89838438)

2.00 News and weather; **TUC 94.** Coverage of the second day in Blackpool, including results of elections to the General Council and debates on employment law and health and safety. Including at **3.00** and **3.50 News** (Ceefax) (909186)

5.00 See Hear! A look at the history of the Civil Rights Bill. With signing and subtitles (r) (s) (8341)

5.30 A Cook's Tour of France. Mireille Johnston presents the first of six programmes celebrating French cuisine (r). (Ceefax) (s) (964)



John Wayne leads the US cavalry (6.00pm)

6.00 FILM: She Wore a Yellow Ribbon (1949). The Injuns are on the warpath and veteran cavalry officer John Wayne is unwilling to retire. The second of John Ford's cavalry trilogy mixes comedy, action, sentimentality and Oscar-winning photography. With Joanne Dru, John Agar, Ben Johnson (67164051)

7.40 Sadhus — India's Holy Men (Ceefax) (s) (622761)

8.30 Family Pictures. Concluding the two-part drama about a family torn apart by autism. Starring Sam Neill and Anjelica Huston. (Ceefax) (s) (11728)

10.00 The Real McCoy (Ceefax) (s) (96490)

10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (684983)

11.15 The Making of Them. A documentary charting the progress of eight-year-old boys as they begin their education at different preparatory boarding schools (r). (Ceefax) (s) (192612) **11.55 Weather** (999322)

12.00 Build a Better Business: Budgeting (60262). Ends at **12.30am**

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Network First: Date Rape
ITV, 10.40pm

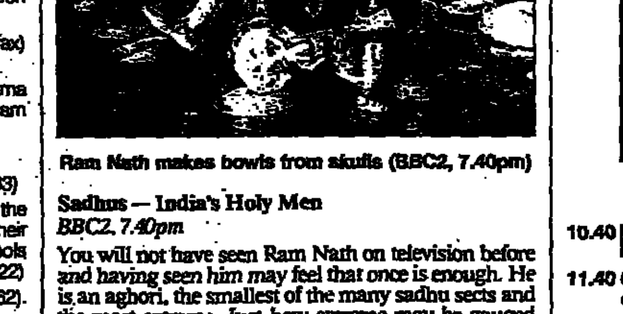
Sue has a row with her boyfriend and is taken home and comforted by Paul. Before the evening is out she is in tears and claiming that Paul raped her. He says she consented. Date rape is relatively common. In more than three-quarters of rapes reported to the police, the man and woman know each other. In this dramatisation of a fictional case actors play victim and accused and real police officers, doctors and lawyers appear as themselves. A potentially lurid subject is treated with discretion. The emphasis is on care for the victim and the attempts of the police and the legal system to get at the truth. The "trial" is being shown in the afternoon from tomorrow until Friday and the verdict is revealed a week today.

The Savage Paradise
BBC1, 8.00pm

Sex and violence are well to the fore in the first of three wildlife documentaries from East Africa. It follows a family of lions over a year in the Ngorongoro crater in Tanzania. Hardly have the opening credits rolled than a lioness and her daughter are moving in to attack the huge and formidable Cape buffalo, hoping for a tasty meal. As the buffalo's horns fight back, the lions probably wish they had kept their distance. Meanwhile, a lioness and a male prepare to mate. Mating takes place every half hour or so, day and night, for three to four days. No wonder the partners end up exhausted. The big surprise is that lions spend up to 20 hours a day resting or dozing. This superbly photographed film concentrates on the other four.

Dirty Money: The Empire of the Chess Player
BBC1, 10.20pm

The first of a three-part series from the *Panorama* team highlights the slick dealings of the Cali cartel, said to be the world's most powerful criminal organisation. Based in Colombia, and run by a man called the Chess Player, it is responsible for 85 per cent of the world's cocaine supply. The cartel launders its dirty money by using a high-tech financial system that can transfer billions of dollars between the world's banks in seconds, leaving police and customs flat-footed. The programme offers an insight into the cartel's workings through the testimonies of two women. Bettina Martens was the cartel's operations manager in Europe, while Heidi Langraf infiltrated the organisation as an undercover agent.



Ram Nath makes bowls from skulls (BBC2, 7.40pm)

Sadhus — India's Holy Men
BBC2, 7.40pm

You will not have seen Ram Nath on television before and having seen him may feel that once is enough. He is an aghori, the smallest of the many sadhu sects and the most extreme. Just how extreme may be gauged from the fact that Ram Nath's most important possession is a bowl shaped out of a human skull. His penances include having to live on cremation grounds for 12 years. He smears his body with the ashes of the dead, hoping to ward off disease. Aghoris are said to have provoked fears about cannibalism and among the tasty morsels which Ram Nath consumes from his skull-bowl are pieces of human flesh. What benefits this holy man bestows on others is not made clear.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (6530544)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (1514167) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) (5591693)

10.00 The Time ... The Place (s) (9828032)

10.35 This Morning. Everything you need to know about toddlers (97978964) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1655612)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) (9710544)

12.55 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (9795235)

1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (68237693)

1.55 Good Advice. Shelley Long as a marriage counsellor going through a tricky divorce. Co-starring Treat Williams (s) (53206780)

2.20 Russell Grant's All Star Show (20780964)

2.50 The Young Doctors (2615099)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (9887254) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) (9886525)

3.30 Giggfish Allsorts (s) (3611728) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (8662525) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (8668709) **4.00 Cartoon Time** (4112693) **4.15 Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left** (s) (2739438) **4.40 Children's Ward** (r) (Teletext) (s) (8596506)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (4090902)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) (397490)

5.55 Your Shout. Video soapbox (744490)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (631)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (983)

7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (5631)

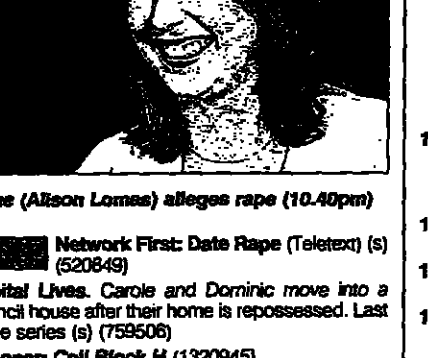
7.30 Metroland. Julia White follows City gent Simon Thornton as he becomes infected with the Latin American dance, the salsa (s) (167)

8.00 The Bill: Instant Response. Two teenagers are able to stay one step ahead of the police after a car chase. With Graham Cole and Jeff Stewart. (Teletext) (1051)

8.30 Take Your Pick. Game show hosted by Des O'Connor, whose guests are Gail and Gillian Blakeney. (Teletext) (s) (5506)

9.00 Medics: Aftermath. Gail and Robert take part in a stress-counselling session. Hospital drama with Tom Baker, Emma Cunningham and James Gaddas. (Teletext) (s) (2849)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (23544) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) (174631)



Sue (Alison Lomas) alleges rape (10.40pm)

10.40 Network First: Date Rape (Teletext) (s) (520849)

11.40 Capital Lives. Carole and Dominic move into a council house after their home is repossessed. Last in the series (s) (759506)

12.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H (1320945)

1.10 The Beat. Music and film reviews (s) (3531282) **2.10 The Equalizer** (8057945)

3.00 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (28823)

3.30 America's Top Ten (s) (62303)

4.00 The Little Picture Show (r) (23262)

5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (43741)

5.30 ITN Morning News (61945). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Little Dracula. Cartoon (r) (5789761)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (78631)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (96803)

9.30 Evening Shade. Drama series with Burt Reynolds and Marilu Henner (36506)

10.00 FILM: On Top of Old Smokey (1953, b/w) starring Gene Autry and Gail Davis. A cowboy is mistaken for a Texas Ranger. Directed by George Archainbaud (1017612)

11.05 Profiles of Nature: Images of Galapagos Documentary about the unique wildlife found on the Galapagos islands (r) (1706051)

12.00 Outside Time: A Prince Goes Hunting. A four-part dramatised introduction to the Celtic myths (r). (Teletext) (20457)

12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (60780)

1.30 Katie and Orbie (39693)

2.00 FILM: The Old Maid (1939, b/w) starring Bette Davis and Miriam Hopkins. A woman sacrifices herself to the single life for the sake of her daughter. Directed by Edmund Goulding (370322)

3.45 Pete Smith Specialities (b/w) (8669438)

3.55 Crawshaw's Watercolour Studio (r) (3338983)

4.30 Countdown. Win up to £1,000 in conjunction with *The Times*. (Teletext) (s)(780)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. America's chat-show hostess looks at how racism operates in America. (Teletext) (r) (2120341)

5.50 Deputy Dawg. Cartoon capers (767341)

6.00 Batman. The caped crusader turns up the heat on Mr Freeze. (Teletext) (273)

6.30 Rocko's Modern Life (s) (525)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (229457)

7.50 The Slot. Viewers' access programme (476167)

8.00 Classic Cars (r) (Teletext) (9693)

8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (8728)

9.00 Out: SIS — The Perry Watkins Story. An account of the American serviceman who took the army to court after he was discharged for being gay. (Teletext) (s) (1761)



A night on the town is on the cards (10.00pm)

10.00 Lipstick on Your Collar. Episode four of Dennis Potter's surreal musical drama. Starring Ewan McGregor, Giles Thomas and Louise Germaine (r). (Teletext) (s) (2683693)

11.15 Sin with Bruce Morton. The Glaswegian comic on the subject of lust (r) (882148)

11.40 Big Wave Dave's. Mayhem and sea-sickness result from a fishing trip (s) (757148)

12.10 Football Italia — Mezzanotte. Highlights of Sunday's match between AC Milan and Genoa (1328587)

1.10 World Tennis. A report from Long Island, and a profile of Ivan Lendl (3602804)

1.45 FILM: Banana Ridge (1941, b/w) starring Robertson Hare, Alfred Drayton and Isabel Jeans. Farce in which two friends are shocked by the revelation that one of them is the father of a grown-up son. Directed by Walter C. Mycroft (477194). Ends at **3.15**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55pm-2.20 A Country Practice (53206780) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (2615099) 3.25-3.30 Anglia News and Weather (9886525) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4090902) 6.25-7.00 Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (453167) 7.30-8.00 Countrywide (167) 10.30-10.40 Anglia News and Weather (174631) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (544051) 12.35am The Likely Lads (773262) 2.15 The Little Picture Show (969945) 3.15 ITV Chart Show (3967007) 4.05 Jobfinder (5362533) 4.55 Curtis Calls (46328129) 5.00-5.30 About Britain: McGilloway's Way (43741)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55pm-2.20 A Country Practice (53206780) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (2615099) 3.25-3.30 Central News (9886525) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4090902) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (453167) 7.30-8.00 Chatsworth (167) 11.40 Tour of Duty (819902) 12.30am Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (33674) 1.00-1.10 Night Shift (3870484) 4.00 Jobfinder (5562133) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (2434303)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55pm-2.20 An Invitation to Remember (53206780) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (2615099) 3.25-3.30 HTV West Headlines (9886525) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (4090902) 5.55 Home and Away (790438) 6.25-7.00 HTV News (453167) 7.30-8.00 Dust Off (167) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (544051) 12.35am The Likely Lads (773262) 2.15 The Little Picture Show (969945) 3.15 ITV Chart Show (3967007) 4.05 Jobfinder (5362533) 4.55 Curtis Calls (46328129) 5.00-5.30 About Britain: McGilloway's Way (43741)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (453167) 7.30-8.00 A Slice of Life (167) 10.30-10.40 HTV News (174631)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55pm-2.20 A Country Practice (53206780) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (2615099) 3.25-3.30 Meridian News and Weather (9886525) 5.10 Home and Away (4090902) 5.37-5.40 Three Minutes — Freescreen (764254) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (631) 6.30-7.00 A Taste of the South (983) 7.30-8.00 Both Sides of the Fence (167) 10.30-10.40 Meridian News and Weather (174631) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (263438) 12.40am-1.10 One to One (4438735) 5.00-5.30 Freescreen (43741)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55pm-2.20 A Country Practice (53206780) 3.25-3.30 Tyne Tees News / Network North (9886525) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4090902) 5.55 Tyne Tees Today / Network North (479070) 6.30-7.00 Crosswits (983) 7.30-8.00 Action Time (167) 10.30-10.40 Tyne Tees News and Weather (174631) 11.40 True Believer (562273) 1.30am The Little Picture Show (96674) 2.30 Sport AM (95485) 3.30 Steve Harley Live from London (30910) 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder (24945)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (5591693) 12.20pm Westcountry News (1631032) 12.25-12.30 My Story (1693631) 1.55 The Young Doctors (89834612) 2.25 Russell Grant's All Star Show (20789235) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (8427032) 3.25-3.30 Westcountry News; Weather (9886525) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4090902) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (57099) 7.30-8.00 Cobblestones, Cottages and Castles (167) 10.30-10.40 Westcountry News; Weather (174631) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (544051) 12.35am The Likely Lads (773262) 2.15 The Little Picture Show (969945) 3.15 ITV Chart Show (3967007) 4.05 Jobfinder (5362533) 4.55 Curtis Calls (46328129) 5.00-5.30 About Britain: McGilloway's Way (43741)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (5591693) 12.20pm-12.30 Calendar News and Weather / Network North (1655612) 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (53206780) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4090902) 5.55 Calendar / Network North (479070) 6.30-7.00 Crosswits (983) 7.30-8.00 Action Time (167) 11.40 True Believer (562273) 1.30am The Little Picture Show (96674) 2.30 Sport AM (95485) 3.30 Steve Harley Live from London (30910) 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder (24945)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (2823032) 9.19 Cartoons (6961438) 9.30 Card Sharks (2025631) 9.55 Concentration (2000322) 10.25 Dynamo Duck (8344254) 10.30 Love at First Sight (84815) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (93964) 12.00 The Urban Peasant (56167) 12.30pm E Street (65032) 1.00 Falcon Crest (93815) 2.00 Hart to Hart (78709) 3.00 Another World (8361235) 3.45 The DJ Kat Show (8375780) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (7344) 6.00 The Simpsons (8877) 6.30 Blockbusters (6047) 7.00 E Street (1693) 7.30 M*A*S*H (9341) 8.00 From the Dead of Night (84790) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (28525) 11.00 Late Show (453235) 11.45 Battlestar Galactica (378709) 12.45am Barney Miller (44804) 1.15-1.45 Night Court (47945)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (2854902) 9.30 Beyond 2000 (44916) 10.30 ABC Nightline (62457) 1.30pm CBS News (69148) 2.30 Beyond 2000 (90761) 3.30 ABC Nightline (8235) 5.00 Live at Five (665070) 7.30 Target (7983) 8.30 Talkback (83438) (33631) 11.30 CBS News (74186) 12.30 ABC News (92028) 1.30 Target (47378) 2.30 Beyond 2000 (80674) 3.30 Talkback (89991) 4.30 Target (66891) 5.30 CBS News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (9220815)
10.00 Munchie: As 6pm (76148)
12.00 American Flyers (1985): Drama with Kevin Costner (73612)
2.00pm Table for Five (1983): Jon Voight plays a divorced father (19877)
4.00 Showdown (1973): With Rock Hudson and Dean Martin (5896)
6.00 Munchie (1993): Loni Anderson plays a college student who adopts a little monster addicted to junk food (18322)
7.30 Close-Up: Mr Nanny: Behind the scenes of the Hulk Hogan comedy (1709)
8.00 Confessions: Two Faces of Evil (1993): Two men confess to the same murder. With James Earl Jones (34186)
10.00 Alien 3 (1992): Sigourney Weaver fights the acid-salivating monster (685780)
11.55 Rush (1991): Psychological thriller with Jason Patric (823896)
1.55am Bustin' Loose (1981): Comedy with Richard Pryor (278668)
3.30 The House Where Evil Dwells (1982): A couple move into a house haunted by Samurai. With Doug McClure (123674)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm This Gun for Hire (1942): Film noir drama with Alan Ladd as a paid gunman and Veronica Lake his victim (78438)
8.00 The World's Greatest Lover (1977) Comedy set in 1920s Hollywood (28934)
10.00 Thunderbolt and Lightfoot (1974): Off-beat crime thriller (86457). Ends at 12.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am 99 River Street (1953): John Payne defends himself against a murder charge (28983)
8.00 Tom Sawyer: As 4pm (34419)
9.00 White Fang: As 5pm (24883)
10.00 The Daughter of Rosie O'Grady (1950): Vaudeville musical (67490)
12.00 Three Warriors (1977): A native American boy struggles to embrace two cultures (71254)
2.00pm The Desert Song (1953): Africa-based operetta with Gordon MacRae and Kathryn Grayson (17419)
4.00 Tom Sawyer: Animated classic (50047)
5.00 White Fang: Animated tale (6902)
6.00 O Pioneers! (1992): Jessica Lange as a Swedish immigrant farmer (20983)
8.00 Grand Canyon (1991). Mosaic of life in Los Angeles (88030186)
10.15 White Men Can't Jump (1992): Comedy set in the basketball world (731709)
12.15am The Mambo Kings (1992): Cuban musicians seek fame (182587)
2.00 Desperate Justice (1993): A mother takes revenge (248303)
3.35 Mom (1989): Horror about a flesh-eating grandma (13664200). Ends at 5.00

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (4292849) 7.15 World Wrestling Federation Mania (937341) 8.15 Soccer News (1488709) 8.30 One to One (44148) 9.00 Windsurfing (68728) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (87341) 10.00 US Open Tennis: Highlights (74877) 12.00 WWF Superstars (77964) 1.00pm World Swimming Championships live, from Rome (185544) 4.00 US Open Tennis Live (4186) 6.00 Soccer News (848544) 6.15 US Open Tennis live (502032) 7.00 Under-21 International Football: England v Portugal (814544) 10.00 Soccer News (333709) 10.15 Ringside (182099) 11.15 World Swimming Championships (171983) 12.15-4.00am US Open Tennis, live (48516991)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (55728) 8.00 Eurogolf (72693) 9.00 Dancing (79457) 10.00 Figure Skating (44612) 11.00 Eurogoals (15341) 12.30pm Speedworld (56490) 2.00 Football: XV Fifa World Cup (181728) 5.00 Eurogoals (81341) 6.30 Eurosport News (9983) 7.00 Athletics Live: IAAF Madrid Meeting (809612) 10.00 Snooker (11761) 12.00-12.30am Eurosport News (44262)



Thirtysomething's Ken Olin and Mel Harris (Bravo, 2.00pm)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (6011419) 7.30 Neighbours (6023254) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (3259612) 8.30 EastEnders (3258983) 9.00 The Bill (3249235) 9.30 The Chinese Detective (7056186) 10.30 Big Deal (99551815) 11.35 The Sullivans (90615070) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (3269099) 12.30pm Neighbours (7180438) 1.00 EastEnders (6003460) 1.30 The Bill (7189709) 2.00 Potter (3709322) 2.30 Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (6008902) 3.00 Knots Landing (2252419) 4.00 Dynasty (2364254) 5.00 Every Second Counts (6022167) 5.40 Captain Pugwash (6786983) 5.50 Sykes (1516964) 6.30 EastEnders (6090983) 7.00 Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (3710438) 7.30 George and Mildred (6098167) 8.00 Rosie (3729186) 8.30 Potter (3708693) 9.00 The Sweeney (3540544) 10.00 The Bill (3260728) 10.30 Naked Video (3248148) 11.00 Thunderbirds (6020167) 12.00 Dr Who (3495113) 12.30am FILM: Take the Money and Run (1969): Woody Allen's directing debut co-stars Louise Lasser (1340804) 2.00-3.00 Shopping (4971026)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Ratkan II (4602761) 6.15 The Teddy Ruxpin (980273) 6.45 Casper and Friends (989544) 7.15 Head to Head in 3D (5948099) 7.25 Eek the Cat (7157341) 7.55 Saved by the Bell (63) (8108984) 8.25 Super Mario Brothers (5755419) 8.40 Titou (1429728) 8.50 Coccinel (1418612) 9.00 It's Drobee Time (52411) 10.00 Teddy Trucks (57273) 11.00 Kitty Cats (80815) 11.30 Barney and Friends (81544) 12.00 Ratkan III (82322) 12.30pm Head to Head in 3D (12086761) 12.40 Eek the Cat (9667051) 1.10 Saved by the Bell (63) (49584341) 1.40 Super Mario Brothers (54111099) 1.50 Titou (54100983) 2.00 Babar (3235) 2.30 Madeline (1506) 3.00 Tic Tac Toons (9178065) 3.10 Around the World in Eighty Seconds (4824709) 3.45 Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (583419) 4.15 Head to Head in 3D (6370360) 4.25-5.00 Babysitters' Club (5692983)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Pondles/Henry's Cat (84438) 8.00 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (43419) 8.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (35490) 9.00 Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (59070) 9.30 Clarissa Explains it all (85983) 10.00 Rocko/Garbage Pail Kids (19438) 10.30 Denver the Last Dinosaur (55254) 11.00 Pee-Wee (20419) 11.30 Smoggies (21148) 12.00 Nick Cartoons (46506) 12.30pm The Muppet Show (96099) 1.00 Nick Cartoon Hour (84254) 2.00 Pete and Pete (9877) 2.30 Max Glick (7148) 3.00 Slimer and the Real Ghostbusters (1612) 3.30 You Choose (2683) 4.00 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (1728) 4.30 Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (3952) 5.00 Clarissa (3457) 5.30 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (82254) 6.30-7.00 Roundhouse (2457)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (8097896) 4.30 Waterways (6086780) 5.00 Aussies (3700051) 6.00 Beyond 2000 (7196099) 7.00 Wild South (3542902) 8.00 Volcanoscapes (2023709) 8.50 Encyclopedia Galactica (1590506) 9.00 The X-Planes (2251780) 9.30 Choppers (7191544) 10.00 First Tuesday (3541273) 11.00-12.00 The Sexual Imperative (6028709)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Beautiful Stranger (1954) Ginger Rogers discovers her fiancee is dangerous (9620070) 2.00pm thirtysomething (8618235) 3.00 My Three Sons (3713525) 3.30 The Beverly Hillbillies (6005815) 4.00 FILM: The Frozen Limits (1939). Western spoof (6220964) 5.30 Frontline (6004186) 6.00 The Green Hornet (6001099) 6.30 The Time Tunnel (1450235) 7.30 Honey West (6081235) 8.00 thirtysomething (3522148) 9.00 It's Garry Shandling's Show (2255506) 9.30 FILM: The Wild Affair (1965): Comedy (8603612) 11.30-12.00 Hogan's Heroes (8606490)

UK LIVING

6.00am Best of Anne And Nick (9213457) 8.00 Your Baby and Child (3464802) 8.30 The Truth About Women (3463273) 9.00 The Fish Course (6195419) 9.35 Now You See It (6735070) 10.00 Trivia Trap (7666709) 10.30 Definition (3450709) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (8546070) 12.00 The Calendar Fashion Show (3434761) 12.30pm Practical Living (51987384) 12.45 Best of Kilroy (1594934) 1.30 The Home Show (2114902) 2.00 Agony Hour (7667438) 3.00 Jayne's Living Magazine (7177612) 3.45 Gladrags And Glamour (71775032) 4.00 Infatuation (9910525) 4.30 Definition (7395870) 4.55 Delia Smith's Summer Collection (2878490) 5.30 Kate and Allie (9980761) 6.00 Maternal World (9920902) 6.30 Musiquest (9911254) 7.00 Living Magazine (8411709) 8.00 The Young and the Restless (8420457) 9.00 FILM: Memphis (1991): Kidnap drama (17577728) 10.45 Gladrags and Glamour (1891419) 11.00 Infatuation UK (2453677) 11.30-12.00 Maternal World (7655693)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Adventures of Tintin (7815) 5.30 Boogies Diner (5322) 6.00 The New Adventures of Black Beauty (2235) 6.30 Through the Keyhole (6815) 7.00 Trivial Pursuit (7051) 7.30 The Mighty Jungle (2099) 8.00 The Darling Buds of May (28952) 9.00 Moonlighting (92148) 10.00 Catchphrase (83051) 10.30 GP (47029) 11.00 Lou Grant (58902) 12.00 Rhoda (91194) 12.30-1.00am Big Brother Jake (55804)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (733755) 8.00 VJ Ingo (332525) 11.00 Soul (46167) 12.00 Greatest Hits (13780) 1.00pm VJ Simone (129728) 3.30 The Coca Cola Report (2556167) 3.45 At The Movies (2544322) 4.00 News (8170051) 4.15 Three from One (8193902) 4.30 Dial (3728) 5.00 Music Non-Stop (38273) 6.30 Sport (8273) 7.00 Greatest Hits (98322) 8.00 Guide to Dance Music (80099) 9.30 Beavis and Butt-Head (21709) 10.00 Coca Cola Report (126506) 10.15 Movies (114761) 10.30 News (998273) 10.45 Three from One (993728) 11.00 Rock Block (46341) 1.00am VJ Marijne (25649) 2.00-5.00 Videos (2480736)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (66419) 7.00 Asian Morning (32964) 9.00 Serial: Kasak (52457) 10.00 Punjabi Movie (582885) 1.00pm New Serial. Hanstay Bastay (35051) 1.30 Hindi Movie: Ghayal Sherni (964148) 4.30 Kiddie Time (8896) 5.00-6.00 TVA and You (1308) 7.00 New Serial (3693) 7.30 Zabaan Sambhal Ke (1341) 8.00 News (510235) 8.15 Hindi Movie: Saali Adhi Gharwali (98766273) 11.15 Waqt (752983) 12.05am Five Past Midnight (9974858) 1.35 Sight and Sound (89686649)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm The Opposite Sex (1956): Love and divorce Broadway style (66900677)
9.10 Pennies from Heaven (1982): Hollywood version of Potter's musical (60090612)
11.10 Small Town Girl (1953). A playboy falls for the sheriff's daughter (67946683)
12.55am Cinderella Jones (1946): An heiress has to marry an intellectual to collect her inheritance (21325910)
2.35-5.00 Flirtation Walk (1934): Military academy romance (56500736)

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One England enigma takes stage while another waits for his chance

Time for Venables to trust Le Tissier

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

IN THE deadly arena of international football, it is a coach's prerogative to conceal, to wear a cloak of mystery and intrigue in order to surprise the opposition. Terry Venables is giving the United States of America the full works.

Yesterday, 24 hours before he names the line-up for the "friendly" match against the Americans at Wembley on tomorrow, the England coach suddenly withdrew an invitation to the world's media to view an open training session. He needed time and seclusion, and so the reporters were locked outside the imposing gates of Bisham Abbey.

When they opened, Venables gave over his press conference entirely to Paul Gascoigne. Now Gascoigne is not going to play tomorrow, or on any Wednesday this year. He is in London so that his surgeon can view the healing processes of his broken right leg. He has been told to slow down his ambitions to play again, from January to March, and lonely as an English player in Rome, he seemed to be telling the scribes that he hoped there will be a rush in the transfer market to bring him back to England for next season.

The funeral of Billy Wright will take place on Monday, September 12, at 2.15pm in St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton. The service will be by invitation only, followed by a private cremation attended by family and close friends. The cortege will depart from Molineux at 1.45pm.



Sheringham relaxes after training yesterday. The Tottenham Hotspur striker hopes to play for England against the United States tomorrow. Photograph: Ian Stewart

But how can the priority at this time be poor Gascoigne? Tickets for the match at Wembley, no matter that it is something of a revenge mission for the way the United States beat England 2-0 in Boston 15 months ago, are going tortuously slowly. And though it may have helped to tell the public 24 hours earlier what the shape and intention of his team may be, Venables was saying nothing. On a day that had recollections of his Tottenham past writ large, the one potential English striker who did speak to the press was Teddy Sheringham.

Even that was a guarded repartee. Sheringham agreed that he was surprised and delighted to be back in the reckoning so soon after his own injury. "In my first game for England I played OK, the second game I didn't," he conceded. "I've got to erase that early ... if I get the chance. I know I've still got to prove my worth."

At Tottenham this season, given the captaincy and freedom to express his role any way this intelligent forward sees fit, Sheringham has played a slightly withdrawn role, sacrificing himself somewhat for his German partner, Jürgen Klinsmann. He says that he does not yet know if Venables, who bought him to Tottenham for £2 million before being dismissed as chief executive there, intends the same freedom. "I don't know what he will expect or ask of me," Sheringham said. "Playing football is about adapting to others in the team. I regard myself, all of us, as having lost a big chance in the summer. I'll do whatever England asks of me."

Wouldn't they all? If, as seems more than likely, Sheringham is chosen to partner Alan Shearer, and if the team reverts to a more English 4-4-2 formation, the writing appears to be on the wall yet again for Matthew Le Tissier.

Venables has told us often enough how much admiration he has for the Southampton playmaker's skills. He spoke, last spring, of needing to test such ability, to find out whether the maverick player that Le Tissier is can be adapted to England's needs. But to do that, how can it be fair to continue to ask Le Tissier, who will be 26 in October, to keep appearing off the substitutes' bench with only a fraction of a match to perform?

He needs 90 minutes, perhaps more than one full game, before he can be assessed or discarded. If Venables mistrusts him so, if he has seen things in those secret training sessions that will not translate into building an England team around his multiple talents, then surely it is time to release him. A bird cannot fly with clipped wings. Le Tissier cannot orchestrate without trust or time.

The United States, fearsome foes that we seem to be making them, are an ordinary side built on work-rate, and despite that bizarre $25,000 inducement from the English FA for the US to bring their finest to Wembley, there are five or six Americans missing.

Meanwhile, we get Gazza, in a mood of self-pity, telling us he's not sleeping well, that "time is killing me". He says that the fun and comradeship of the England camp has lifted his spirits, and hints that "for personal, not football, reasons", he is seriously thinking of coming back to England to play after the end of yet another wasted season.

We wait to see what Lazio will make of this: they have spent more than £5 million, plus a millionaire's salary, for a player who since 1992 has performed just 31 times for them, and nine times for England. Small wonder that Gascoigne admits to a growing fetish for good luck charms and superstitions. "Superstition is really trying to control your luck," Venables told his young charge. "When you are out of control, you look for something."

Venables should know. And as we wait to see which way he, and England, are looking tomorrow, there is the potential excitement of the future on show at Filbert Street, Leicester, tonight. The England under-21 side, with Fowler, Joachim, Barmby, Sinclair and Bart-Williams, is opting for an all-out offensive game against Portugal.

The Portuguese, European under-18 champions, will likely provide a greater test of our place in the football world than the United States can tomorrow. Venables knows the future is exciting everyone, and like Phyllis in the poem by Charles Sedley, the manager himself is "sometimes coming, sometimes coy".

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American imports should be allowed, says Lalas

By Our Sports Staff

ALEXI Lalas, the United States international, yesterday attacked the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) for withholding work permits from his World Cup teammates.

Lalas, the goatee-bearded defender who became the focal point of the United States' challenge in the World Cup finals, turned down the chance to play in the FA Carling Premiership this season with Coventry and joined in the Italian League.

Cobi Jones, who agreed to move to Highfield Road, and Brad Friedel, a goalkeeper who is training with Newcastle United, have been kept waiting while Gordon Taylor, the PFA chairman, decides whether they qualify for a work permit. The American pair will hear their fate on Thursday.

Lalas said: "It's just another form of the lack of respect that we as American players get. I really hope they grant these guys permission to play because it's you guys that are missing out on two tremendous characters who could add an unbelievable element to English football."

Dean Holdsworth, the forward, yesterday demanded to join the exodus of players from Wimbledon when he handed in a transfer request.

Ronnie Whelan, the former Liverpool player, has signed on a month's trial for Southend United. Whelan, 33 later this month, will play at Stoke on Saturday. Southend are also interested in Lee Chapman, the West Ham United striker.



Play First XV rugby to win £10,000. Details, page 43

Modahl trains as efforts to clear name continue

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

DIANE Modahl, the first British woman athlete to be suspended for an alleged drugs offence, has resumed scheduled training with the intention of returning to the track next season if she can clear her name.

Modahl has undergone medical tests to establish whether the high testosterone levels in her urine sample might have been caused by illness. While she awaits the results, she is training every other day, supervised by her husband and manager, Vicente Modahl.

"Diane is now back in training," Lesley Pilkington, of Modahl International Athletics, Modahl's management company, said. "Vicente is busy doing her programme with a view, hopefully, to her competing next summer."

Should medical tests disclose no illness to which the high testosterone readings might be attributed, Modahl is expected to challenge the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to prove that it was taken as a steroid.

Levels are measured in relation to another hormone, epitestosterone, and the normal ratio is 1:1. Up to 6:1 for women is allowed before a doping offence is judged to have taken place. Modahl's ratio in the A sample was said by an IAAF source to be 42:1. Conditions that might lead to higher ratios include malignant tumours and ovarian cysts.

Modahl went to the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Canada, two weeks ago as the defending 800 metres champion but was sent home without setting foot on the track. The British Athletic Federation (BAF) learned shortly before Modahl was due to compete that she had returned a positive A sample at a meeting in Portugal on June 18. The B sample was analysed last week, confirming the A sample, leaving Modahl to face a four-year suspension for a failed test.

Despite pressure last week from the IAAF to withdraw the British women's team from the World Cup, at Crystal Palace from Friday to Sunday this week, the BAF refused, saying that to do so "could be seen as assuming the guilt of an individual athlete". Istvan Gyulai, the IAAF secretary, said yesterday that the British federation's decision was legally "not incorrect".

Not only is it legally prudent, it also makes sense given the opinion of Malcolm Brown, the British team doctor, who said last week that, in his opinion, Modahl was innocent of a drugs offence.

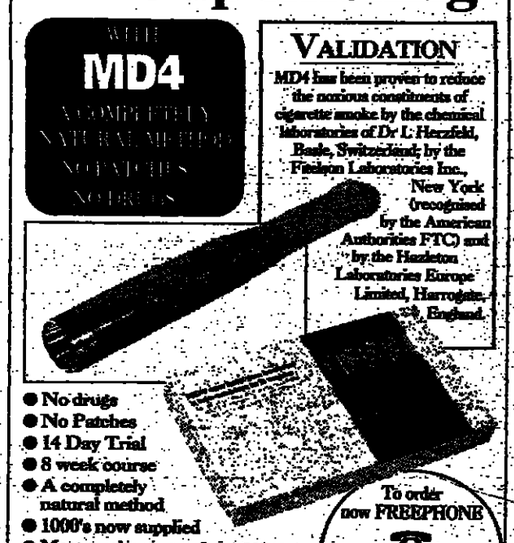
Eric Shirley, the BAF's vice-chairman, was quoted on Sunday as saying that he thought the federation should withdraw its women's team and that, as it had not, he would not attend.

Shirley was voted into office by Britain's clubs at the BAF annual meeting in March. Though vice-chairman, he is not among the three top officials, who are Peter Radford (executive chairman), John Lister (treasurer) and Ken Rickhuss (chairman). Shirley declined to comment further yesterday.

Copies of Shirley's reported comments have been distributed to members of the federation management board, which will call him to account at its next meeting on September 16. "There is a code of conduct for members of the management board which respects the confidentiality of discussions at board level," Tony Ward, the BAF spokesman, said. "Having made your argument, and won or lost it, you have to stand by the decision of the management board and not express an individual opinion."

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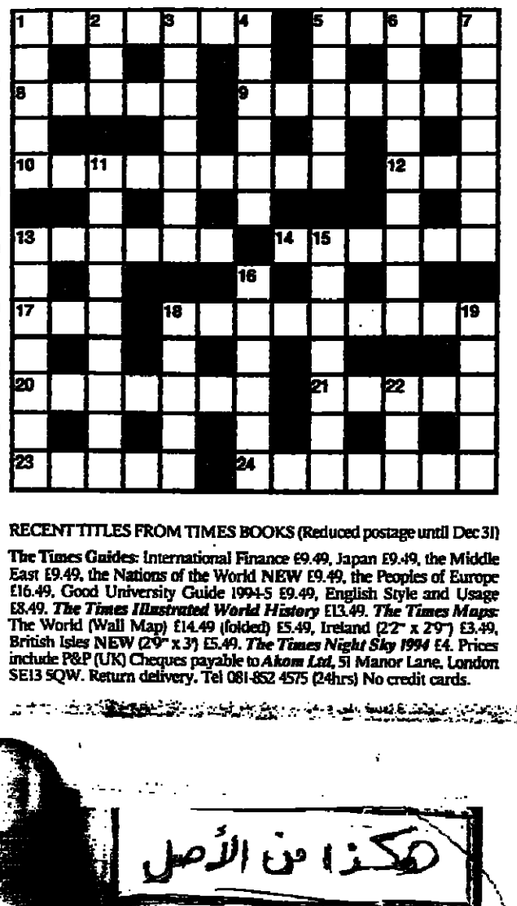
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

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ACROSS
1 Sheared (7)
5 Frolic (5)
8 Midlands town; sport (5)
9 In name only (7)
10 Small item of artistic value (5,4)
12 Gentle, high hit (3)
13 Art movement, reaction against baroque (6)
14 A slave; slavery (6)
17 Irritate (3)
18 The Plough (5,4)
20 Rescue from custody (with surety) (4,3)
21 Wives and concubines (5)
23 Forcibly twist away (5)
24 Wilts: part of horse's back (7)

DOWN
1 Do without (5)
2 Unit of work (3)
3 Obscure, esoteric (7)
4 King murdered by Macbeth (6)
5 Occasional Solar System visitor (5)
6 TV, radio quiz (5,4)
7 Tag differently (7)
11 Skid round (of lorry trailer) (9)
13 Arc in sky (7)
15 Tomahawk (7)
16 Confer, award (6)
18 Tile mortar (5)
19 Co-founder of Rome (5)
22 Fish eggs (3)

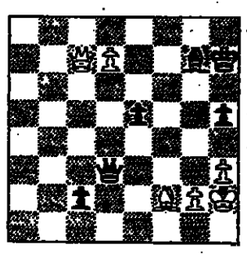
SOLUTION TO NO 258

ACROSS: 6 Show one's hand 7 Billow 8 Duplex 9 Feat 10 Werewolf 12 Degraded 16 Lift 18 Spiked 20 Plough 21 Frankenstein

DOWN: 1 Pollster 2 Powwow 3 Render 4 Chap 5 Unveil 6 Snide 11 Walk-over 13 Expiry 14 Dodger 15 Depose 17 Fagin 19 Kink

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Yusupov - Adams, Dortmund 1994. In this tricky position with both sides about to promote pawns. White found a clever tactic to end the game in his favour. What did he play?



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By Philip Howard

BERGSCHRUND
a. A badger-hunting terrier
b. Insincere remorse
c. Crevasses

DENTEX
a. Tooth scale
b. A type of lace
c. The sea bream

EMMER
a. A type of moth
b. To pronounce N as M
c. A species of wheat

GABOON
a. A type of baboon
b. To maroon on a desert island
c. A hardwood

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